

# Newton COVID-19 Emergency Housing Relief Program Additional Funding

Community Preservation Committee Presentation  
to Finance and Zoning and Planning Committees

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# Newton's Covid-19 Emergency Housing Relief Program

- ▶ Housing Stabilization Program providing short-term assistance with monthly housing costs to those negatively impacted by the Covid-19 situation
- ▶ Program originally designed to provide up to \$2,500/month or \$7,500 per household over life of program
- ▶ Program initiated in June 2020 with goal of providing 3 months of assistance to households with incomes below 80% AMI, with preference given to households below 65% AMI
- ▶ Program administered by Metro West Community Development (MWCD) using mix of CPA and CDBG funds

# Covid-19 Emergency Housing Relief Program in Action

- ▶ Program has assisted 226 households (652 people) since July 2020, including six households in affordable restricted homebuyer units
- ▶ Average monthly payments are \$1,410/household
- ▶ 50% of participants are people of color
- ▶ 92% of program participants have incomes below 65% AMI
- ▶ 55% of program participants have incomes below 30% AMI

FY2020 Income Limits Summary - Newton, MA					
Income Level	Household Size				
	1	2	3	4	5
30% AMI	\$26,850	\$30,700	\$34,550	\$38,350	\$41,450
50% AMI	\$44,800	\$51,200	\$57,600	\$63,950	\$69,100
65% AMI	\$54,145	\$61,880	\$69,615	\$77,350	\$83,538
80% AMI	\$67,400	\$77,000	\$86,650	\$96,250	\$103,950

# Covid-19 Emergency Housing Relief Program - Current Status

- ▶ \$2.1 million spent to date out of the \$2.5 million originally allocated
- ▶ Program has been expanded twice - first to provide 6 months of assistance in September 2020 and then to 8 months in December 2020
- ▶ The 154 participants who entered the program in July 2020 will leave in February 2021 despite little or no improvement in economic situation
- ▶ Program must stop taking in new applications in February
- ▶ Estimated total number of participating households: 227

# Current Funding Request

- ▶ 85% of all program households remain active participants as the economic impacts of the pandemic on their households have not improved
- ▶ Requesting an additional **\$1.2 million** in CPA Community Housing Funds to extend the program through June 2021
- ▶ Additional funding allows program to provide a full **12 months** of assistance to majority of program participants
- ▶ New Applicants will be accepted through April 2020
- ▶ Estimated total number of participating households: **285**

# Funding Sources and Amounts

Original Program Funding

CPA Funding \$2,000,000

CDBG Funding \$500,000

Total Original Funding \$2,500,000

Additional CPA Funding Requested: \$1,200,000

Total Program Funding: \$3,700,000

Note: Additional funding to be used only for housing payment distributions. Any new administrative expenses will come out of funding approved in original CPA program allocation

# Outreach and Marketing

Outreach and Marketing efforts have continued non-stop since the start of the program including:

- City of Newton COVID-19-Response website pages
- Regular announcement in Mayor Fuller's email blasts and other relevant outreach platforms
- School Department email blast to all Newton Public School families
- City of Newton Planning Department Friday Report
- Newton TAB
- Email outreach to non-profit organizations in Newton and surrounding communities, including, but not limited to: Boys & Girls Club, Family ACCESS, Plowshares, NCDF, REACH, The Second Step, Riverside Community Care, Barry Price Center, YMCA
- Email outreach to local employers and Newton Needham Chamber of Commerce and neighborhood/community list serves

# Outreach and Marketing in Other Languages



## Are you having difficulty paying rent or are facing eviction in Newton because of Covid-19?

There is help. Learn more about the resources you can access at the City of Newton's website\*: [www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp](http://www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp)

If you need help accessing the internet or these resources, you can contact the City of Newton's Social Services at 617-796-1420.



## 您是否在牛頓市因 Covid-19 而難以支付房租或正面臨驅逐？

您可以尋求幫助。在牛頓市網站上了解有關可用資源的詳細信息：[www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp](http://www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp)

如果您在訪問互聯網或獲取這些資源方面需要幫助，請致電 617-796-1420 聯繫牛頓市社會服務部。



## ¿Está teniendo dificultades para pagar el alquiler o enfrenta el desalojo en Newton debido a la COVID-19?

Podemos ayudarlo. Obtenga más información sobre los recursos a su disposición en el sitio web de la ciudad de Newton\*: [www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp](http://www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp)

Si necesita ayuda para acceder a Internet o a estos recursos, comuníquese con la oficina de Servicios Sociales de la ciudad de Newton al 617-796-1420.



## هل تواجه صعوبة في دفع الإيجار أو تتعرض للإكراه على الإخلاء من السكن في مدينة نيوتن بسبب جائحة فيروس كورونا (Covid-19)؟

إليك مساعداً، تعرف على المزيد عن الموارد التي يمكنك الاستفادة منها من الموقع الإلكتروني لمدينة نيوتن\*:

[www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp](http://www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp)

إذا كنت بحاجة للمساعدة على الوصول إلى الإنترنت أو الاستفادة من هذه الموارد، فيمكنك التواصل مع إدارة الخدمات الاجتماعية لمدينة نيوتن على الرقم 617-796-1420.

\* تتوفر المعلومات باللغات الإسبانية، والصينية المندرينية، والصينية الكانتونية، والبرتغالية، والروسية، والعربية.



## У вас возникли трудности с оплатой аренды в Ньютоне, или вам грозит выселение из-за пандемии Covid-19?

Вам могут помочь. Более подробную информацию о доступных вариантах получения помощи можно найти на сайте города Ньютона\*: [www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp](http://www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp)

Если у вас нет доступа в Интернет или возможности ознакомиться с этими ресурсам, вы можете связаться с социальными службами города Ньютона по телефону 617-796-1420.



## Está com dificuldades para arcar com o aluguel ou está em situação de despejo em Newton por conta da COVID-19?

Há uma solução. Saiba mais sobre os recursos disponíveis no site da Cidade de Newton\*: [www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp](http://www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp)

Caso precise de ajuda para acessar a internet ou estes recursos, entre em contato com os Serviços Sociais da Cidade de Newton (City of Newton's Social Services) pelo número 617-796-1420.





# Questions & Discussion

▶ Thank you!