

NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

***Housing Stability/Homeless Prevention Program
Rental / Mortgage/Water Assistance***

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding through DCEO CSBG Program and DHS Homeless Prevention Program to assist families in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties who are past due on their rent, mortgage, and/or water payments and are in danger of becoming homeless or are homeless due to a recent financial crisis affecting their ability to pay housing costs including Covid-19 related conditions.

Have you have experienced one of the following financial hardship conditions:

- **Covid-19 related loss of employment or reduction in work hours**
- Loss of Employment or substantial reduction in work hours
- Current Medical Disability or Emergency
- Loss or Delay of some form of Public Benefit
- Natural Disaster
- Change in Household Composition
- Illegal Action by a Landlord
- Displacement by a Government or Private Action
- Some other condition beyond your control which creates a financial hardship (such as a large car repair bill)

You may be eligible for assistance if you:

- Can provide documentation of your financial crisis condition

Documents that are required to apply:

- Proof of Social Security numbers for all members of the household
- Proof of all income for all members of the household for the 30 days prior to the application date
- 2020 income tax return.
- Current Benefit letter for household members receiving SSA, SSI, or SSD income
- Copies of your current utility bills (electric, gas/propane. Water)
- Current Lease or Mortgage with contact information
- Eviction Notice or Past Due Letter from landlord, mortgage, and /or water company
- Third Party Documentation of financial hardship condition

Covid -19 mitigation procedures are still in place so in-person appointments and outreach appointments are not being scheduled at this time. We are in the office and taking applications for NICAA program assistance by phone, mail, email, and fax. Please call our office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between the hours of 8:00 and 3:30 Monday through Friday for more information on how to apply.

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