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### **Loudoun County Hires Nonprofit Loudoun Cares to Administer Emergency Eviction Relief Program; Pre-Screening Applications Open Nov. 20**

Beginning Monday, November 20, 2023, eligible Loudoun County residents may apply for emergency eviction assistance by submitting an online pre-screening application through the nonprofit Loudoun Cares.

The program has been commissioned by the Board of Supervisors as part of the county's efforts to distribute available funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to address lingering economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The county is using a portion of the available funds for various housing programs, including one that is intended to keep eligible residents who are facing immediate eviction in their homes—particularly during the cold weather months—by paying outstanding rent obligations and fees associated with the eviction process.

Loudoun has allocated \$500,000 for this one-time, emergency assistance program, which includes a contract with Loudoun Cares to administer the program. The number of households that will receive assistance will vary based on several factors. Loudoun Cares will sign up and recommend financial assistance for as many households as possible. The county will make payments directly to landlords on behalf of approved applicants. The program will end by January 31, 2024, or sooner if funds are exhausted.

#### **Who is Eligible to Apply for Assistance?**

Individuals and families must meet specific criteria to be considered eligible for the eviction assistance program. All applicants must:

- Live in Loudoun County.
- Rent their homes and have a valid current lease.
- Earn less than 80 percent of the Area Median Income.
- Hold a current Eviction Summons (for Unlawful Detainer).
- Be impacted by COVID-19-related economic factors.

In addition, the applicant's landlord must provide an IRS W-9 form and agree to participate in the program.

#### **How to Apply for Assistance**

Beginning at 12:00 noon on Monday, November 20, 2023, eligible residents may begin submitting an online pre-screening application for assistance to Loudoun Cares. All applicants must complete the online pre-screening application to verify eligibility.

The online application is available in English and Spanish. Eligible residents should visit [loudouncares.org/eviction](https://loudouncares.org/eviction) to submit the online application beginning November 20 at noon.

Any applicant who does not have access to the internet may call Loudoun Cares at 703-669-4636 for assistance in submitting an application.

### **More Information**

For more information about other rent assistance programs offered by Loudoun County, visit [loudoun.gov/rentassistance](https://loudoun.gov/rentassistance). For information about all Loudoun County housing programs and services, visit [loudoun.gov/housing](https://loudoun.gov/housing).

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