

Miami-Dade COVID-19 Military and Veterans Housing Assistance Program

The **Miami-Dade COVID-19 Military and Veterans Housing Assistance Program** is designed to help those who are currently serving and or have served in the United States Military and are experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Funded via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, or the Cares Act, the program serves active duty, reserve, guard and veterans who reside in Miami-Dade County and is intended to support veterans and active duty military households to remain self-sufficient and support a strong recovery. The Program assists veterans and active duty military service members. It can provide up to three (3) months of past due rent or mortgage payments per household, with a maximum of \$5,000 per household. Funds will be paid to the landlord or mortgage lender in the form of a grant by Miami-Dade County. Of the \$10 million in program funding, the initial allocation will be \$5 million for each of the two forms of assistance, rental and mortgage.

ELIGIBILITY

Any Veteran OR Active Duty Military member may be eligible for rental or mortgage assistance under the program, if the following conditions are met:

- Can prove they are a veteran or active duty military service member;
- Have not received aid for the mortgage or rent payments for the same period covered by this program from any other source;
 - NOTE: Participation in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) created by Miami-Dade County does not exclude participation in this program, however it cannot fund the same rental period.
- Can show a loss or reduction of income due to COVID-19;
- Current household income at or below 120% of Area Median Income (AMI) for Miami-Dade County. Current income refers to the household's income following any job loss or income reduction due to COVID-19;
- Proof of residency within Miami-Dade County;
- Proof of paid in full status of rent or mortgage as of February 2020;

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online at www.miamidadecovidrelief.org to ensure prompt processing of their application and avoid the need to physically drop off the application and documentation. If the applicant is unable to apply online, a paper application is available below. A list of all required documents is provided on the application, and copies of the documents must be submitted with the application. Program staff will review the application materials and contact the applicant with any additional questions.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name (as it appears on Military ID):				
Applicant Street Address:				Apartment / Unit #:
City:		State:	Zip Code:	
Phone:		Email:		
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Household Size (# of people):	Total Household Income:		Monthly Rent or Mortgage Payment:	
	\$		\$	
Applying for Rent or Mortgage Assistance:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Rent		<input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage		
Household Member names and relationship to applicants:				
Name:		Relationship:		
Name:		Relationship:		
Name:		Relationship:		
Name:		Relationship:		
Preferred Contact Language:				
<input type="checkbox"/> English		<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish		<input type="checkbox"/> Kreyol
Months rent or mortgage assistance being requested for: (Up to 3)				
<input type="checkbox"/> March	<input type="checkbox"/> April	<input type="checkbox"/> May	<input type="checkbox"/> June	<input type="checkbox"/> July
<input type="checkbox"/> August	<input type="checkbox"/> September	<input type="checkbox"/> October	<input type="checkbox"/> November	<input type="checkbox"/> December

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Do not submit any original documents. Only submit copies of original documents as no documents will be returned to the applicant. All Veteran and Active Duty Military applicants will need to provide the following documentation as part of the application process:

- Active Duty Military ID; OR Veteran ID; OR Form DD-214 to document veteran or active duty status.
- Proof of financial hardship due to COVID-19, which may include:
 - Layoff or Furlough Notice; OR
 - Evidence of lost wages (partial or full)
 - Bank statements;
 - Paycheck records.
 - Proof of Current Income at or below 120% of AMI - If your 2019 income was higher, you can submit proof of loss of income to still qualify.
 - 2019 Tax Return; OR
 - Bank statements; OR
 - Paycheck records.

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

If you are applying for RENTAL ASSISTANCE, skip this section.

Name of Lending Institution		
Lending Institution Mailing Address:		Floor or Suite#
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Lending Institution Phone:	Lending Institution Email:	
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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

If you are applying for RENTAL ASSISTANCE, skip this section.

- For Mortgage Assistance:
 - Mortgage Statement showing paid in full status as of February, 2020.
 - Current statement showing outstanding payment and/or arrears.
 - Payment instructions for mortgage holder (lender) and any necessary account numbers.
 - *Checks will be written in the name of the lender but mailed to the applicant who will be responsible for ensuring they are forwarded to the lender appropriately.*

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Do not fill this section if you are applying for MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE.

Landlord Information

Full Name: (or business name)		
Street Address:		Apartment / Unit #:
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	
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Landlord Preferred Contact Language:		
<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/> Kreyol

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE

- Signed Lease
- Government ID with matching address AND Utility Bills if ID address does not match ID
- Receipts showing rent was current as of February 2020
- Contact information for Landlord, including business address and phone number.
 - Grant awards will be paid via paper check in the name of the landlord and mailed directly to the landlord address listed on the application. Please ensure this information is entered correctly above.

CERTIFICATION OF ADHERENCE

By signing this document, I confirm that I am a Veteran or Active Duty Service Member of the United States Military, and that all information provided, to the best of my knowledge, is true and adheres to the guidelines set by the Miami-Dade COVID-19 Veteran and Active Duty Military Housing Assistance Program. If approved to receive Veteran and Military Housing Assistance Program funds, I will be obligated to use this award to pay rental payments for the months specified in the application. By signing below, you certify that all information provided in this application is true to the best of your knowledge, and that you meet all the eligibility criteria:

- You are a veteran or active duty military service member;
- Your household experienced a loss or reduction of income due to the COVID-19 Pandemic;
- Your current household income is at or below 120% of Area Median Income (AMI) for Miami-Dade County. (Current income refers to the household's income following any job loss or income reduction due to COVID-19);
- You reside within Miami-Dade County;
- You have not received aid for rent payments for the same period covered by this program from any other source;
 - NOTE: Participation in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) created by Miami-Dade County does not exclude participation in this program, however it cannot fund the same rental period.

You also understand that any attempt to defraud the County or misuse these funds will result in prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

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Signature Date

BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE OPT-IN

Qualifying Veterans and Active Duty Military Members also have the option to receive basic needs assistance vouchers, in addition to any housing assistance. Applicants that meet all eligibility requirements to receive housing assistance will automatically qualify for the Basic Needs Assistance Program.

The Miami-Dade COVID-19 Veteran and Active Duty Basic Needs Assistance Program can provide \$1,000 of basic needs assistance cards for single applicants and \$2,000 of basic needs assistance vouchers for households of two or more. The \$5 million of program funds will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

If you wish to opt-in to the Basic Needs Assistance Program in addition to the Housing Assistance Program, please check the box below.

☐ I wish to be enrolled in the Miami-Dade COVID-19 Veteran and Active Duty Military BasicNeeds Assistance Program using the information and documents provided in this application.

The vouchers will be usable at one of the below locations, please select your preference (you may select up to 2):

☐ Winn Dixie/ Fresca Y Mas

☐ Publix

☐ CVS

BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE VOUCHER PICK-UP

Once all documentation has been uploaded, Program Staff will review the documents, and contact the applicant if any further information is required. If approved, the applicant will be notified of the location of the fulfillment center where they can pick up their vouchers, and the hours for that location. The closest location will be chosen based on the applicant's address. The applicant will need to present a government issued ID and application number (you will receive this by email) that matches the information in the application in order to receive the basic needs assistance vouchers.

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Signature Date

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Once all required fields have been filled and the necessary documents have been obtained, please paperclip all documents and place inside a large yellow manila envelope. Write COVID-19 VETERAN AND MILITARY PROGRAM in large letters on the outside of the envelope.

The envelope can be dropped in the book drop at any of the libraries listed below. We will confirm receipt of your application by email and/or phone once it is received. This may take up to 7 business days.

Drop-off Locations:

- **North Dade Regional Library**
2455 NW 183rd Street
Miami Gardens, FL
33056
- **South Dade Regional Library**
10750 SW 211 Street
Cutler Bay, FL 33189
- **Main Library**
101 West Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33130
- **Westchester Regional Library**
9445 Coral Way
Miami, FL 33165