A new program from Impact Community Action provides emergency relief to help Columbus and Franklin County residents pay housing costs. Because funds are limited, please reach out for help as soon as you receive a past-due notice or eviction notice. To apply, visit www.ImpactHopeFund.org.

Visit www.ahaco.org/covid19 for more information including housing and eviction prevention resources.
ABOUT THE HOPE FUND

The purpose of the HOPE Fund is to provide emergency financial assistance to prevent homelessness and establish permanent housing for residents of Columbus and Franklin County. Customers are strongly encouraged to apply for assistance online by visiting www.ImpactHopeFund.org.

Some of the program's rules are:

- You must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level based on household income for the past thirty days ($2,127 for an individual, $4,367 for a family of four).

- The HOPE Fund can pay up to $3,000 for up to three months of past rent. The HOPE Fund cannot pay for attorney fees, late fees, extermination fees, pet fees, or court costs. You will be required to pay any balance that the HOPE Fund cannot support.

- You must have been impacted by COVID-19, which may include job loss, income loss, child care loss, illness, or more. Other funds may also be available for non-COVID hardships.

- A social security card for the primary applicant and social security numbers for other household members is preferred but not required. Non-citizens are encouraged to call and explore all available options.

To apply, you need to provide identification, a signed lease agreement, your eviction notice (if any), proof of income for the last thirty days for all adults in the home, and proof or description of a COVID-19 related hardship. You also need to have your landlord’s name, telephone number, and email address.

Because funding is limited, because dollars cannot be used for attorney fees in an eviction, and because it can take 5-10 days to process an application, tenants are strongly encouraged to reach out for help as soon they receive a past-due notice or eviction notice.

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The Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio (AHACO) ensures that households in Central Ohio with lower incomes have a safe, decent, affordable home. We fulfill this mission by impacting public policy, enhancing system efficiencies and effectiveness, and collaborating to provide one voice for affordable housing needs and solutions. As members of the Housing Stabilization Coalition, AHACO supports Impact Community Action and the HOPE Fund.

TO APPLY VISIT www.ImpactHopeFund.org