

Indian River County Eviction Diversion and Mediation Program

Renters may qualify for up to \$10,500 in assistance and get help to avoid Eviction

With many eviction cases pending in the courts in Indian River County and the CDC moratorium on evictions ended on July 31, 2021, Indian River County in collaboration with County Court judges and Florida Rural Legal Services, have teamed up on a new rental assistance program for tenants affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. **Tenants facing Eviction may now qualify for up to \$10,500 in assistance from Indian River County. This assistance can pay for back rent and 3 months of future rent,** provided the Landlord and Tenant enter into a settlement agreement that will cover past due rent; provided the landlord agrees to dismiss pending eviction efforts and enter into a new short-term lease.



How it Works

Tenants facing eviction will file an application with Indian River County to see if they qualify. Once qualified, Attorneys from the Indian River County Bar Association, who are volunteering their time, will contact landlord and tenant in hopes of negotiating an agreement between both parties whereby the landlord may receive payment for past due rent, while helping the tenant avoid eviction and stay in their home.

How do I Apply?

Applications can be filed [on-line](#) or in person at one of the help centers listed below.

Applicants will need basic information such as address, names, dates of birth, and income for all members of the household, and an explanation of COVID hardship. Some documentation (copy of the lease, driver's license or other Govt. issued ID, and income documentation, including unemployment, etc.) may be required. Applicants must be below certain income thresholds (currently \$102,200 for a 4-person household) and meet other requirements.



Who Can I Contact for More Information?

IRC HEART Program: 877-HEART95 (877-432-7895)

North County Help Center Contact: Tracy Galentine – 772-400-6357

North Indian River County Library, 1001 Sebastian Blvd, Sebastian, FL 32958

Central County Help Center Contact: Leigh Uribe – 772-226-1631

Indian River County Human Services, 1900 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Other Help Assistance Contact: Bill Collins – 772-226-4355

Indian River County Community Development, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

To apply on-line: <https://www.zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2374&rfpid=3558>

Please be prepared to answer the questions on the reverse side of this flyer, as well as have the documents required available to be copied, scanned, and uploaded to the system.

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Application Questions:

1. How many household members have experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19?
2. Name of the 1st household member financially impacted by COVID-19.
3. Are/were they unemployed or underemployed due to COVID-19? (yes/no)
4. Name and address of employer at the time of COVID-19 impact.
5. What was the gross annual income of this person prior to being affected by COVID-19, or March 1, 2020?
6. Name and address of current employer.
7. Explain the COVID-19 hardship.

(Answers, and information to be provided for each household member financially impacted by COVID-19)

Income:

1. Applicants will need to provide the monthly gross income (before deductions) for each household member in the chart:

Item Description		Household Member 1	Household Member 2	Household Member 3	Household Member 4
Employment	USD\$				
Unemployment	USD\$				
Retirement/Insurance	USD\$				
Welfare/TANF	USD\$				
Child Support	USD\$				
Alimony	USD\$				
SSI/SSD	USD\$				
Rental Property Income	USD\$				
Other	USD\$				
Other	USD\$				

2. Income narrative (Discuss the items and amounts you entered above) – Please include any explanation or additional information that is relevant to your income.

Household Information:

For each member of the household, applicants will need to provide:

1. Full Name
2. Relationship to Head of Household (HOH)
3. Cell Phone/Mobile Phone Number
4. Email Address (if you do not have an email address, one can be created at gmail.com)
5. Date of Birth
6. Marital Status (Single, Divorced, Married)
7. Age Employed?
8. Self-Employed?
9. Disabled?
10. Full-Time Student?

Required Documents:

1. Copy of current lease – if the lease expired, but it is the one the landlord is seeking to evict, that is the one you need.
2. Late rent/delinquency notice
3. Copy of government issued ID (driver's license, passport, etc.)
4. Unemployment Documentation – compensation sheets, other documents showing loss of income.
5. CDC Non-Eviction Form (see website to download a copy)
6. IRS W9 form for the landlord – must match lease and property tax records as owner at ircpa.org.
7. Application waivers, certification, authorization, and consent for data collection form

This information and documentation will be required before your application can be processed.

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