

Bayfield County CDBG-CV Rental, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance

Program Overview

1.0 Introduction

Bayfield County has received a \$200,000 CDBG-CV award from the Wisconsin Department of Administration to provide grants to eligible residents in Bayfield County. The funding targets eligible renters and homeowners who meet Low to Moderate Income standards.

The CDBG-CV assistance, in the form of a grant, will be provided by Bayfield County to eligible Bayfield County residents to reimburse costs incurred resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds will be paid directly to landlords, financial institutions, and utility providers. For purposes of this grant January 21, 2020 or later is the timeframe for eligibility of program expenses or future costs. Bayfield County's CDBG-CV funds cannot be used to duplicate costs renters/homeowners may have already received from other federal/state funds to pay for past COVID-19 expenses. Applicants that meet all application and program requirements of need, are eligible for financial assistance for rent, mortgage, and utility assistance for a period not to exceed six (6) consecutive months or exceed \$5,000 in total funding.

Assistance provided by Bayfield County to eligible renters/ homeowners will be a grant of up to \$5,000. Grant distributions will depend on requests received.

2.0 Eligible Applicants

- Assistance is available to renters and homeowners living in Bayfield County; and
- Renter and homeowner households must qualify under the Low- to Moderate Income (LMI) threshold for income based on household size. Households with incomes at or below the income level by household size may qualify; and

Household Size	At or Below Total Household Income
1 Person	\$40,250
2 Persons	\$46,000
3 Persons	\$51,750
4 Persons	\$57,450
5 Persons	\$62,050
6 Persons	\$66,650
7 Persons	\$71,250
8 Persons	\$75,850

- Applicants must have experienced a reduction of household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced financial hardship as of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and
- Applicants must be able to document expenses incurred as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and
- Applicants cannot be so far behind in payments that even with these grant funds they would still be evicted or foreclosed upon.

- Households receiving any type of rental assistance including but not limited to Section 8, Public Housing, Supportive Services for Veterans Families, Permanent Supportive Housing, or Tenant Based Rental Assistance are ineligible for grant funding assistance.

3.0 Award Process

Applications will be taken on a first come-first served basis and will be reviewed to determine eligibility. The award ceiling is \$5,000, however based on the number of applications and financial need, awards could be less.

4.0 Required Documentation

The applicant will be required to submit an application to determine eligibility and submit proof of documentation for all requested funds as they are related to COVID-19.

Households will be required to provide copies of lease agreements/mortgage/utilities verifying monthly payment costs and the applicant's responsibility for utilities.

Applicants must provide documentation of household income pre-COVID-19 loss.
Applicants must provide a statement of why the assistance is required.

Households will be required to provide proof of other state/federal/nonprofit/charitable funds (if any) received and their use towards living expenses and use of funds.

5.0 Ineligible Payments

Cable/Satellite TV, internet, telephone, and direct property tax payments to the county/municipal treasurer.