

COVID-19 Rental Assistance, Homelessness Prevention, and Homeowner Support

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Today's Briefing

Programs

- Rental Assistance
- Homelessness Prevention
- Homeowner Support

What We'll Cover

- Funding Breakdown
- Community Partnerships
- How to Access Assistance



Rental Assistance Funding Breakdown

- \$12M to United Way of King County's Home Base Program
 - \$4M from CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)
 - \$8M from City's emergency funds
- \$4M to residents of City-funded affordable housing providers
 - All funding from CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)

Home Base Rental Assistance Program

- Supported over 8,400 individuals across King County between April - July 2020
- More than 70% of applicants supported were people of color



United Way of King County

Home Base Rental Assistance Program Community Partners



Urban League of
Metropolitan Seattle



Home Base Rental Assistance Program Strategy for 2020-2021

2020

- Leverage best practices from Home Base Program and existing King County Rent Assistance process
- Incorporate strategies to further improve racial equity outcomes

2021

- Continue to leverage Home Base model, with focus on targeted eviction prevention assistance
- Incorporate strategies to further improve racial equity outcomes

How to Access Home Base Rental Assistance

uwkc.org/renthelp



Get Help with Rent

Rental Assistance for Residents in City-Funded Affordable Housing

- Assistance supports low-income tenants and helps stabilize income- and rent-restricted affordable housing providers
- Approach will build on lessons learned since first implementation
- Prior investment supported 1,268 households in April and May



Homelessness Prevention

- \$2.8M of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to Homelessness Prevention Program
- Community Partners:
 - El Centro de la Raza
 - St. Vincent de Paul
 - YWCA
 - Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA)
 - InterIm CDA
 - Neighborhood House
 - Seattle Indian Health Board
 - United Indians of All Tribes
 - Lifelong



Homeowner Support

- \$700,000 to support mortgage counseling and homeowner stabilization loans to prevent foreclosure
- Call the WHRC hotline to get assistance: **1-877-894-4663**



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