



WORKFORCE HOUSING RELIEF FUND

Housing Assistance has established the Cape Cod COVID-19 Workforce Housing Relief Fund to provide urgent and ongoing assistance with past due rent or mortgage payments or other housing-related expenses for current, year-round Cape Cod and Island residents who are losing income due to the coronavirus.

We are staying in front of any housing relief funds and programs that will be available to our residents. However, we know that there will be gaps in funding that do not address the unique needs of our Cape Cod workforce.



Before this crisis, many low- to mid-wage employees were paying almost half their income on housing. These workers' budgets can't absorb several weeks of missing wages due to the closure of non-essential businesses. This fund will help our critical year-round workers who do not qualify for state and federal programs, but still cannot afford the high cost of housing in our region.

As the regional affordable housing agency, Housing Assistance operates a number of housing relief programs including:

- **Private Homeless Prevention**, which grants up to \$500 per household to pay an immediate expense that will help them stay housed. [You can donate online to our Homeless Prevention Program.](#)
- **State RAFT (Residential Assistance for Families in Transition) program**, which assists households earning 50% or less of Area Median Income (AMI) with larger sums of housing support distributed over several months. Governor Charlie Baker has expanded statewide funding for this program by \$5 million in response to the pandemic.
- The new **Workforce Housing Relief Fund**, which will serve households earning between 50% and 100% AMI that includes up to \$5,000 per household in a combination of a one-time payment to cover rent or mortgage arrearage and then evenly distributed payments over several months to help a household stabilize. Our goal is to have applications available by April 2 and to begin distributing funds in May.

To apply for support for any Housing Assistance programs, contact our intake counselors at hac@haconcapecod.org, 508-771-5400.

To donate to the Workforce Housing Relief Fund contact Anne Van Vleck, Chief Development Officer, avanvleck@haconcapecod.org, 508-737-6146.

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