Community Development Network
COVID-19
Housing Counseling Call
April 2, 2020

Diagram of Zoom Meeting Attention Span

- Actual meeting content: 2%
- Relief at seeing other human beings: 23%
- Checking out coworkers’ houses: 10%
- OMG, why didn’t I take a shower?: 25%
- Has my neck always looked like that?: 13%
- Maybe if I move the camera up higher…: 10%
- Removal of cat from keyboard: 7%
- Removal of kids from bedroom: 10%
WEBINAR GROUND RULES

• PLEASE LOGIN ON YOUR COMPUTER OR PHONE, IF POSSIBLE
• PLEASE MUTE YOUR PHONE
• PLEASE USE THE CHAT BOX FOR QUESTIONS
• HEADPHONES BLOCK OUT BACKGROUND NOISE
• SLIDES WILL BE POSTED AFTER THE CALL
• REVIEW INFORMATION ON CDN’S WEBSITE AFTER THE CALL

Information

These are unprecedented times and important information is being updated daily, sometimes hourly. To make certain Housing Counseling Agencies are getting the most up to date information available, CDN will hold calls every 10 days or so, that I can disseminate relevant information.

Be sure to review CDN’s website for regular information and updates

If you have a specific question or concern, please be sure to email or call me. I will try to get you an answer.
What are we doing today?

- Focusing on the concerns of Housing counselors re: COVID 19 Crisis
- Identifying areas of concern
- Helping clients affected by COVID 19
- Working with MD Government to facilitate communication
- Identifying resources for housing counselors
- Identifying agencies that may need to shut down
- Areas in the state with poor coverage
- Identify populations in need

What is happening in Maryland?

- Maryland HOPE hotline at **1-877-462-7555**
- CJ Brief Legal Advice **443-808-0076**
  Mondays 1:30 pm—6:00 pm Wednesdays 8:00 am—12:30 pm
- CDN Website Front Page includes Organization information, Housing Counseling, Eviction & Courts Section
- Working to pull together information from National Housing Resource Center, NeighborWorks, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, National Community Reinvestment Coalition, National Alliance of Community Economic Development Agencies, etc.
Responding to Covid-19 – Counselor’s Needs

• Pre – Purchase Business
  • Group Education
  • 1:1 Counseling
• Financial Education
• Foreclosure Prevention
• Rental Counseling

What is the Impact on Your Organization’s Operations?

• Challenges of working remotely
• Protecting safety of employees, housing residents
CDN’s website on front page

Maryland Unites – Governor Hogan’s COVID-19 page, including background information, the latest news, a list of opportunities to help, and an “A-to-Z Resource Guide”.

The CDC’s Novel Coronavirus Outbreak Website – Includes state-by-state breakdown of Coronavirus cases, information about the Federal government response, and frequently asked questions about the pandemic.

Social, community, religious, recreation, and sporting events and gatherings of more than 10 people are now strictly prohibited in all locations and venues in Maryland. Click here to read more about the restrictions in the executive order.
Useful Websites – Organizational Needs

Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant Fund offers working capital to assist Maryland small businesses and nonprofits with disrupted operations due to COVID-19. This funding does not cover self-employed people working in community development.

The National Association of Community and Economic Development Associations (NACEDA) organized Covid-10 Resources for Community Developers. Of particular interest may be this summary of the $2.2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Maryland Nonprofits
https://www.marylandnonprofits.org/covid-19-resources-for-nonprofits/

News from the CFPB

The CFPB is committed to providing you with up-to-date information and resources to protect and manage your finances during this difficult time.

Beware of scams related to the coronavirus
Recognize and prevent fraud and scams during the coronavirus pandemic.

What you need to know about student loans and the coronavirus pandemic
Federally-held student loan payments are postponed and interest has been waived. Learn what that means for your loans.

Guide to coronavirus mortgage relief options
If you can’t make your mortgage payments because of the coronavirus, start by understanding your options and reaching out for help.

More resources will be posted as the situation continues to change and evolve. We encourage you to share these resources with your friends, families, and others in your networks.
Questions

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