



Disaster Ministries of the Conference is working with many partners to try to lessen the impact of the looming housing crisis caused by the loss of income for many people due to COVID-19. Beginning on July 10, in Pennsylvania, landlords may file new eviction notices for non-payment of rent at non-federally backed properties. The moratorium on filing evictions at some federally backed properties ends July 25. The moratorium ends for properties with federally backed single-family mortgages on August 31, 2020 and eviction protections are provided to federally backed multifamily properties that receive mortgage forbearance.

Here are two items that you can share to help people avert evictions and foreclosures

1. The Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania is seeking your input to assess the need for rental assistance and potential evictions for nonpayment of rent. Please the survey here. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PArentalneed>

2. There is \$175 million of funding for rental and mortgage assistance now available. The Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed in March, provided \$3.9 billion for Pennsylvania and is intended to help people who have been hurt economically during the pandemic. In late May, the General Assembly directed \$175 million of these CARES dollars to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) to provide assistance for struggling renters and homeowners. The portion for rent assistance is at least \$150 million. Visit www.PHFA.org for details and eligibility criteria. PHFA's call center is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to answer questions. Call 1-855-827-3466 for assistance. [County organizations](#) will also be able to assist. [Learn more here.](#)

We know this has been a trying time for everyone. We appreciate your assistance as we work together to seek resources to help renters and home owners who are facing income challenges due to COVID-19.