

Orange County COVID-19 Eviction Diversion Program



The Orange County COVID-19 Eviction Diversion Program provides relief to tenants in imminent danger of eviction who have experienced a loss or reduction of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is not a rental assistance program.

Landlords:

- Will receive up to \$4,000 in past due rent
- Must have a tenant on the verge of eviction that is at least two months behind in rent beginning April 1, 2020
- Must agree to discontinue the eviction process and would not pursue further eviction until at least 60 days after receiving approval from Orange County
- Will not increase any participating tenant's household rent through December 31, 2020
- Will agree to waive the remainder of the rent owed by the tenant as well as all costs, fees and charges incurred as a result of non-payment or partial payment of rent during the impacted months

Tenants:

- Must rent a home or apartment in Orange County that is your primary residence
- Must be at least two months behind in rent beginning April 1, 2020, and have received a written notice from your landlord indicating that you will be evicted, or you may have received an invitation from your landlord to the application process
- Must have a lease in your name and are responsible for paying a portion or the full amount of rent
- Must have one or more adult members of the household who has experienced a documented, involuntary loss of income that occurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Must show the date of job loss, reduction in employment hours or pay occurred March 1, 2020, or after the Florida Surgeon General declared a State of Emergency for Florida
- Must be the only person in the family/household that has applied for or will apply for the Orange County Eviction Diversion Program or any other city, state or federal program.
- Must demonstrate the ability to pay rent for the next 60 days.
- Must be able to verify income before and after April 1, 2020, and meet the income eligibility criteria

Tenant Documentation:

Documents providing proof of identity and relation to the rental address required for consideration for this grant include any of the following:

- Photo identification cards or documents that prove the name and address of the Tenant and each household member must be provided. Any one of the following are acceptable forms of ID for Adults:

- Driver's license
- Passport
- State identification cards
- Work identification cards

Any one of the following are acceptable forms of ID for Minors:

- Birth certificate
- School records

- Copy of the lease

COVID-19 Hardship Documentation:

Please submit at least one of the following:

- Letter or email from employer stating your job loss or reduced work schedule and hours (Note: letter or email must have your name) OR
- Unemployment award letter/statement from Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
- At least two paystubs, one paystub before COVID-19 and one current (most recent) paystub during COVID-19 showing reduced hours (Note: Paystubs must show your name) OR
- At least two bank statements with transaction history that shows your income (deposits) before COVID-19 and one current bank statements that shows your reduced income (deposits) during COVID-19 - Bank statement must include your name
- Any other verifiable document(s) that demonstrates a loss of income due to COVID-19, document must include your name

Applications for the program begin Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Both the landlord and tenant must both agree to participate and meet the eligibility criteria.

For the full eligibility criteria, required documentation and application visit ocfl.net/EvictionDiversion