

## Temporary COVID-19 rental assistance is available for local HIV+ people

Are you an HIV+ person who's experienced a loss of income related to COVID-19? Do you rent your home?

You may be eligible for up to six months of rent so you can stay in your apartment as you search for jobs, apply for benefits, or do other things as society slowly finds its new normal after the spring and summer spent in quarantine. This grant provides temporary, one-time rent relief of at least \$2500 or up to \$5000. You do not need to have contracted COVID-19 to obtain these benefits, but you must be HIV+ and meet certain other criteria listed below.

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health's AIDS Activities Coordinating Office (AACO) is funding the program with federal HIV funding; Philadelphia Health Management Corporation (PHMC) administers the program.

### Who is eligible?

To receive this grant, you must:

- Be HIV+.
- Have experienced a loss of income connected COVID-19.
- Rent an apartment or house in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, or Philadelphia counties in Pennsylvania or Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, or Salem counties in New Jersey.
- Have a valid and current written lease signed by the property's landlord.
- Be actively enrolled in HIV medical case management and have a current Ryan White certification card; you can get this card through your case manager.
- Not live in public housing or receive any other public rental assistance, like Section 8 or HOPWA.
- Have a gross household income no more than 500% of federal poverty level; for one person, 500% of FPL is currently \$63,800 and increases by \$22,400 for every household member included in the application.

### How can I apply?

Contact your HIV case manager, and they will submit the application for you. If you do not have a connection to HIV case management, please call us at 215-985-2437 and we will connect you to one.

Want to learn more about our plan to end the HIV epidemic in Philadelphia? Check out our draft strategic plan at [HIVPhilly.org](http://HIVPhilly.org). You can also make your voice heard by taking a survey and submitting your thoughts on the site.