

# City & PHDC Announce Closure of Phase 4 of the COVID-19 Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program

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PHILADELPHIA, PA – January 6, 2022 -Today the City of Philadelphia & PHDC announce the closure of Phase 4 of the **PHLRentAssist** Program- *the City's COVID-19 Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program*. The City & PHDC has administered four phases of the PHLRentAssistProgram. The program helped people pay their rent who have experienced financial hardship because of COVID-19. Phase 4 included utilities.

Since May of 2020, the City has helped more than 38,000 households, disbursing more than \$248M to families and individuals affected by COVID-19. The program's **dashboard** details spending and will continue to be updated on a regular basis.

The closure of the program is effective 5:00 p.m. on January 7, 2022. At that time new applications **cannot** be submitted. New applications will not be accepted due to limited remaining funds. PHDC will continue to review and process applications already in the system.

Applications currently in the pipeline are being reviewed and will be paid out of remaining funds until they are exhausted. Any additional funds received from the Federal or State Government will be used for applications already in the pipeline.

Landlords and tenants who have been contacted by PHDC requesting additional information to process their application should respond, log in and make those necessary changes. Landlords and tenants that have already applied prior to the deadline will continue to be able to visit <https://>

[rent-assist.phila.gov/#/](https://rent-assist.phila.gov/#/) to add any necessary documentation that is requested and check the status of their application.

Starting January 10, 2022, the City's Eviction Diversion program will continue under a new process. Landlords are required to apply directly to the Eviction Diversion portal and mediations will be set up for tenants who want to negotiate with their landlord. Landlords can visit [Eviction-Diversion.Phila.gov](https://Eviction-Diversion.Phila.gov) to apply.

Tenants can learn about their rights and responsibilities at [www.phillytenant.org](https://www.phillytenant.org).