

## Summary of Proposed Covid-19 Relief (December 14, 2020)

There will be \$25 billion allocated for rental assistance for the period of fiscal years 2021 through 2022 September 2022 to households impacted by Covid-19 and the ban on evictions promulgated by the Centers for Disease Control will end on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

State and local government will distribute rental assistance using these guidelines, an ‘eligible household’ means:

- A household of 1 or more individuals who are obligated to pay rent on a residential dwelling;
- 1 or more individuals within the household has qualified for unemployment benefits or
  - Has experienced a reduction in household income,
  - Incurred significant costs, or
  - Experienced other financial hardship due to or during the novel coronavirus disease (COVID–19) outbreak;
  - Or more individuals within the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability, which may include—
    - A past due utility, home energy, or rent notice or eviction notice;
    - Unsafe or unhealthy living conditions;
    - Or any other evidence of such risk, as determined by state or local government; and
- The household has a household income that is not more than 80 percent of the area median income for the household.
- State and local governments should prioritize households at or below 50 percent of Area Median Income.

State and local governments will pay housing providers on behalf of eligible residents unless the provider refuses that payment.

A housing provider can assist a renter in applying for assistance or apply for such assistance on behalf of a renter of such dwelling but the resident must cosign the application.

Not more than 10 percent for housing stability services (i.e. not directly for rent) and the state and local government can charge 10 percent for administration.