

## MHDC News Post

MHDC is administering CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds through two programs in addition to the standard yearly program. MHDC's regular yearly allocation of ESG funds has been available to non-profit agencies and their tenant clients since the beginning of the pandemic to provide homeless and homeless prevention services. In addition to this, the first of the CARES Act programs is being administered through the standard ESG non-profit grantee network pursuant to which non-profits submit applications to MHDC to secure funding in order to provide homeless and homeless prevention services. MHDC has allocated \$13.3 million in CARES Act ESG funds for this program. These funds have been, and are currently, available to non-profit agencies that provide homeless and homeless prevention assistance.

The second program is the Rental Arrears Program. This program is in addition to the standard non-profit grantee program described above. It is designed as an additional vehicle to provide rental assistance. MHDC has allocated \$15 million for this program, which will benefit tenants and landlords by providing a one-time payment of up to six months of rental arrears directly to landlords on behalf of tenants who have been unable to pay their rent in recent months. Landlords who participate in this program must agree not to evict the tenant for non-payment of rent for 120 days from the date of application submission. MHDC is launching the Rental Arrears Program this week with a focused effort to inform and educate landlords concerning the availability of these funds and the application process so landlords can begin collecting the information and documentation required to be submitted with their application.

To access information and search for available resources for rental assistance tenants and landlords should visit:

[www.mohousingresources.com](http://www.mohousingresources.com).

Non-profit agencies that provide homeless and homeless prevention assistance can find all information regarding these funds on the MHDC website, including the portal login for submitting an application and application instructions:

<http://www.mhdc.com/ci/index.htm>

Landlords should access the following link and begin collecting information and documents necessary to submit an application:

[www.mohousingresources.com](http://www.mohousingresources.com).