APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENT GRANTS To help Newark residents and their families having difficulty paying rent as a result of the pandemic

NEWARK – **May 18, 2020** – Mayor Ras J. Baraka today announced Newark COVID-19 Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program was officially launched. A link to applications and FAQs about the program can be found at https://newarkcovid19.com/programs/emergency-rent-grants

The COVID-19 crisis has left many tenants struggling to pay rent. Mayor Baraka created this \$1 million Emergency Housing Assistance Fund to supplement his moratorium on evictions and to enable tenants to keep their homes. To help Newark residents and their families having difficulty paying rent as a result of COVID-19, the City will provide up to \$1,000 grants to 1,000 households who fall under 60 percent of Area Median Income. For example, a single individual with an income of up to \$42,300 for an individual and \$60,360 for a family of four would be eligible to receive help with rental payments.

You are eligible if you have experienced loss of income due to decreased working hours, or being laid-off or furloughed, etc.

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