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CARES Eviction Prevention Fund Update

In June, Dane County approved a contract with the Tenant Resource Center to distribute \$9,790,000 in direct assistance to tenants in need in Dane County. Subsequently, the Tenant Resource Center was approved to enter into two \$850,000 subcontracts with Centro Hispano and Freedom Inc., respectively, to help reach underserved populations that are in need of eviction prevention assistance.

Demand for eviction prevention assistance to pay back rent has been overwhelming due to the economic hardship many in our community are experiencing related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is anticipated that funding for eviction prevention will run out soon, and funds will not be available to assist with August eviction prevention requests. TRC has communicated this reality to agency partners and the public.

In addition, the federal eviction moratorium is anticipated to expire on July 25th, 2020. It's anticipated that need will be even greater after that time.

As of July 18th, 2020:

- Tenant Resource Center received a total of 5,534 applications for assistance totaling \$9,733,299.78 in requests.
- Of that number, TRC and its partners have authorized 3,295 applications totaling \$4,677,665.93. Those funds have either been distributed already, or will be distributed the week of 7/20. Of the processed applications:
 - The average amount of rent assistance provided was \$1419.62.
 - 84.5% of funds have gone to heads of households that identify as non-White. The largest populations within this number are people who identify as Black/African American (47.2%) and people who identify as Hispanic/Latinx (27%).
 - 72.4% of funds have gone to households headed by women.

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- 72.2% of funds have gone to households in the City of Madison. Outside of the City of Madison, the next largest distribution of funds have gone to households in Fitchburg (11.2%), Sun Prairie (6.4%), and Middleton (2.8%) respectively.
- Over 88% of applicants report job/income loss
- The average amount of monthly rent requested is 4.75 months.
- Only 3% of applicants are receiving Unemployment benefits
- Approximately 40% of applicants are in the eviction process.
- TRC has had over 1100 requests for housing counseling, mediation and assistance with applications.

When eviction prevention funds are exhausted, the Tenant Resource Center will continue to provide other resources in its service array, including housing mediation and assistance with people who have questions regarding tenant/landlord rights and responsibilities.

Additional Summary Background on the Program:

CARES program Eligibility:

1. Residents of Dane County
2. COVID-19 Economic Hardship
3. Household Income \leq 80% AMI
4. Adult (18+)

CARES Eligible costs (as of 7.21.2020):

- Rental arrears (totalling no more than 4 months of rent)

Documents required:

- W9 (filled out/signed by property owner/agent)
- Landlord agreement stating rent owed (filled out and signed by landlord)
- Copy of eviction notice, hearing date or stipulation