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Initiatives Include Eviction Prevention Support to Local Governments, Assisted Housing Relief
Administration Maximizing Federal Resources for Marylanders Hurt By COVID-19 Pandemic

ANNAPOLIS, MD (June 26, 2020) – Governor Larry Hogan today announced the commitment of $30 million in new funding to prevent evictions and help Marylanders affected b COVID-19 pandemic.

“Too many Marylanders have faced undue financial hardships during this unprecedented crisis, including the inability to pay their rent,” said Governor Hogan. “While our eviction moratorium has helped families remain in safe and stable housing through the pandemic, we are also maximizing federal resources to help as many renters as possible.”

This critical funding is available through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. On Wednesday, the governor announced the commitment of m than $45.6 million in education funding through the CARES Act for K-12 technology improvements, community college workforce development programs, rural broadband initiati and other priorities.

Eviction Prevention Support to Local Governments: $20 Million

Since the governor declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 5, 20 percent of all residential rental units have fallen into delinquency. Whi eviction moratoriums have provided time for federal stimulus funds and federal and state unemployment benefits to take effect, many Marylanders are still struggling to pay their As a result of increased demand for local rental assistance programs, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) intends to deploy $20 million i expected federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funding across all 24 jurisdictions in Maryland to help address eviction prevention needs.

Assisted Housing Relief Program: $10 Million

The residential rental industry is experiencing a reduction in rental payments combined with increased maintenance costs. Approximately 9,000 of the 45,000 state-financed rent units in Maryland are currently delinquent at an estimated cost of $3 million per month. The Assisted Housing Relief Program is intended to help bring rental delinquencies curre

those units and provide real relief for the tenants affected by the COVID-19 pandemic through direct payments to the eligible property management company. Once a payment fo back rent from the Assisted Housing Relief Program is received by a landlord, tenants will have their rental debt eliminated and no longer face the threat of eviction.

The program will include rental units in multi-family projects financed by DHCD's Community Development Administration using state funds or federal resources, such as the Lov Income Housing Tax Credit program where the unit rent is controlled.

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