



## **SC Housing Authorizes \$5 Million for COVID-19 Rental Assistance**

**Columbia, S.C. – May 20, 2020--**SC Housing will provide approximately \$5 million in emergency rental assistance to South Carolinians facing financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis. The program will provide emergency housing assistance on behalf of renters affected by shutdowns, closures, layoffs, reduced work hours or unpaid leave. Eligible households could receive rental assistance of up to \$1,500, with payments made directly to landlords or management companies. Relief will be provided as a one-time lump sum toward eligible tenants' rent payments.

The program will be administered through SC Thrive (<https://scthrive.org/>), a statewide nonprofit agency already providing services to individuals and families throughout the state.

Qualified applicants may apply at <https://scthrive.org/covid-19-rental-assistance-program/>

To be eligible for program assistance, applicants must be South Carolina residents; have a maximum household income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income for the county in which they reside; and provide documentation demonstrating how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted their employment or income beginning March 10, 2020 or later.

Income eligibility for each SC county can be found at the following link:  
[https://www.schousing.com/library/Monitoring/2020%20Income\\_Rent%20Limits/20%2080%20Income%20Rent%20Limits.pdf](https://www.schousing.com/library/Monitoring/2020%20Income_Rent%20Limits/20%2080%20Income%20Rent%20Limits.pdf)

SC Housing is a self-sustaining housing finance agency. Agency operations are supported by a funding base that includes fees and other revenue earned through the administration of agency programs.

### **About SC Housing**

For forty-nine years, SC Housing has created quality affordable housing opportunities for the citizens of South Carolina. The agency's vision is that all residents have the opportunity to live in safe, decent and affordable housing.