



## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Help Available for Lebanon Residents Seeking Rent, Utility Relief**

**Lebanon, PA** – The Lebanon County Coalition to End Homelessness announced a one-stop shop for local residents to apply for more than \$800,000 in rent, mortgage, and utility assistance through federal and state COVID-19 relief programs. The Homeless Coalition has partnered with Lebanon County Christian Ministries, Community Action Partnership, and the Housing Authority to offer the service to facilitate assistance for people who have lost employment or income because of COVID-19.

“Keeping people in their homes is critical during this crisis,” said Homeless Coalition co-chair Jocelyn Stakem.

Residents have a couple of options. Individuals may apply directly for Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) CARES Rent Relief Program (RRP), which is still in operation despite Governor Wolf withholding CARES funds from the county for business assistance. Applications can be retrieved at [lebcounty.org](http://lebcounty.org) on the main page (PHFA CARES RRP Application Packet) and can be e-mailed to [cap@lebcounty.org](mailto:cap@lebcounty.org) or via mail at 503 Oak Street, Lebanon, PA. Completed applications may also be dropped off at the address.

For residents who would like assistance applying for PHFA, or who may qualify for rent or utility relief under other funding opportunities are asked to complete a brief application at [lebanonrenthelp.com](http://lebanonrenthelp.com). The application window is now open, with no set deadline at this time while funds exist. Residents who do not have access to the internet or a smart phone will be able to apply over the phone by calling the Housing Authority directly at (717) 273-1630.

When applying, residents will be asked to provide a snapshot of information on:

- Contact
- Monthly income
- Number of household members
- Rent payment
- Utility payments
- Landlord

Once an application is received, residents can expect to be contacted by an agency representative within 7 to 10 business days. The representative will help families determine their eligibility for



assistance through CARES Act, PHFA, and other funding sources. Residents do not have to have been diagnosed with COVID-19 to be eligible.

Any questions or inquiries regarding any of the relief programs can be sent to CAP at [cap@lebcnty.org](mailto:cap@lebcnty.org) or via phone at (717) 273-9328.

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