



Emergency Fund for Individuals Impacted by COVID-19 for Lee County AL

Overview:

The Lee County Commission's and Alabama Rural Ministry's Emergency Housing and Utility Assistance Program is a program designed to help income eligible households with rental, mortgage, and utility payment assistance. The inability to cover these costs may result in eviction of residence or the disconnection of utilities leaving the individual(s) without housing, power, water, or gas. The total maximum award will not exceed \$1,500 and can cover up to three (3) months past due expenses.

The following is the criteria for financial assistance:

Criteria:

- The applicant must have a low-or extremely low income.
- The applicant must have experienced a 30% or more loss of income due to COVID-19.
- The applicant must live within the county limits of Lee County excluding Auburn-Opelika.
- The applicant must be able to provide all required documentation.
- Duplication of benefits is not allowed.

I hereby certify that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, under penalty of law and verifiable by federal government representatives.

Signature

Date

Return complete applications to:

Lawton Vallely
Alabama Rural Ministry Case Manager
334-501-4276 Ex: 500
Email: lawton@arm-al.org

***Incomplete applications will not be accepted.*

Required Application submittals and Eligibility Certifications:

By checking each box below, the undersigned hereby certifies that the statement is true and/or that the required submittals are provide in conjunction with the application.

I confirm that my residence is located within Lee County and outside the city limits of Auburn, Opelika and Phenix City.

I certify that my household income has declined 30% or more as a direct effect of COVID-19

I have provided documentation to help verify the economic hardship suffered because of COVID-19.

Copy of most recent personal tax return

Copy of paycheck stubs prior to COVID-19 (Jan-Mar)

Copy of paycheck stubs since COVID-19 (April-present)

Letter from employer stating that layoff or reduced hours where directly due to COVID

Copy of unemployment compensation received

Copy of any/all proceeds or payment received to supplement income and/or assist with Household expenses

Copy of checking and savings account for all months above are provided (Jan-present)

Copy of past due rent or mortgage notice and/or delinquent utility bill

Completed W9 from vendor to be paid for rent or mortgage payments

I understand that payments must be made directly to vendor

I confirm that I have provided only outstanding mortgage, rent, and utilities due and understand that no arrearages are eligible per HUD guidelines.

I acknowledge that duplication of benefits (DOB) is not allowed under HUD guidelines.

Any proceeds or payment, including insurance, FEMA or SBA or any other source received will be reported to the Lee County Commission and ARM to determine if these additional amounts constitute a DOB. If some or all are determined to be a DOB, the portion that is a DOB shall be paid to the Lee County Commission.

I certify that the above information, to the best of my knowledge, is accurate and true. I understand that the Lee County Commission and ARM will rely on the accuracy of the submittals and certification made in conjunction with this application. Any misrepresentation or inaccurate information may be found enforceable under penalty of law and verifiable by federal government.

Applicant Signature

Date