



The Kandiyohi County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is pleased to be an administrator of Minnesota Housing’s COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program and is now accepting applications to help prevent eviction, prevent homelessness, and maintain housing stability for eligible renters and homeowners in Kandiyohi and McLeod Counties. Approved households will receive assistance to pay past due housing related costs.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE?

To qualify for housing assistance, households must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a Minnesota resident.
- Be a renter or homeowner with an income at or below 300% of federal poverty guidelines, with a preference for those at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines.

Income Guidelines		1-Person Household	2-Person Household	3-Person Household	4-Person Household	5-Person Household
<b>200% Poverty or less</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$25,520.00	\$34,480.00	\$43,440.00	\$52,400.00	\$61,360.00
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$2,127.00	\$2,873.00	\$3,620.00	\$4,367.00	\$5,113.00
<b>201%-300% Poverty</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$38,280.00	\$51,720.00	\$65,160.00	\$78,600.00	\$90,040.00
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$2,658.00	\$4,310.00	\$5,430.00	\$6,550.00	\$7,670.00

- Have an eligible expense that was **incurred** after March 1, 2020 **that is past due**. Housing assistance funds can only be used for eligible expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.
- Be unable to make the payment(s) owed because of the public health emergency due to unemployment, illness, or another COVID-19 related issue.
- Households living in subsidized housing or receiving assistance to pay rent may not be eligible.

### WHAT EXPENSES MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE?

Eligible expenses are bills that must be paid in order to avoid displacement from your home. Expenses must be past their due date. Eligible expenses may include:

- Rent payments
- Mortgage payments (including home insurance and property taxes in certain situations)
- Contract for deed payments
- Manufactured home park lot rents
- Manufactured home payments
- Utility payments
- Association fees
- Additional housing-related costs approved by Minnesota Housing

Please note that all approved housing assistance payments will be made directly to the entity with the past due expense. Payments cannot be made directly to households.

### WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO APPLY?

If you think you will be eligible to apply, gather the appropriate documentation. The information will need to be uploaded online or copies provided directly to the Kandiyohi County Housing and Redevelopment Authority:

- One form of personal identification:
  - Drivers license/State ID
  - Passport # (not limited to United States passports)
  - Social Security Number
  - Alien Registration Number
  - Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
  - Other forms of identification may be accepted
- Verification of current income (paystubs, benefit letter, proof of unemployment) from the prior 30 days.
- The invoice or other verification of balance owed for rent, mortgage payment, utility bill, etc.
- Information for where payment should be made: Landlord, property management company, utility company, mortgage company, etc. Information should include name, address, fax, contact person, telephone number and your account number.

If you are not able to provide the required information, you can discuss alternatives with the Kandiyohi County Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Interested households can begin the application process by calling 211 (Toll Free: 1.800.543.7709), visiting [211unitedway.org](http://211unitedway.org), or texting “MNRENT” or “MNHOME” to 898-211 or contacting Lorena Lindemann at the Kandiyohi County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. The 211 helpline has dedicated multilingual staff available to answer questions about the COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Information will be entered into an online system and if the household meets pre-screening eligibility, the household can then select an administrator who will assist them complete an application.



The graphic features a dark blue background with white and green text and icons. On the left, a green outline of a house contains the text 'Apply Now!'. To the right, there are three rows of contact information, each with a corresponding icon: a telephone handset for 'Call 211', a computer monitor for 'Visit 211unitedway.org', and a smartphone for 'Text "MNRENT" or "MNHOME" to 898-211'. The Minnesota Housing logo is in the bottom right corner.

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Please help us spread the word about this important new resource with the individuals and families you work with who may be interested in applying!

