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**Emergency Rental Assistance Now Available for Milwaukee Residents
Program Funded by the City of Milwaukee and Administered by Community Advocates**

Milwaukee, WI — Community Advocates is pleased to announce that additional emergency rental assistance funds are now available to help City of Milwaukee residents facing housing instability. This critical funding, provided by the City of Milwaukee through the U.S. Treasury-funded Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program, is designed to prevent evictions and provide stability for tenants and property owners.

“Housing instability is a burden on families and individuals, so, as these funds help our residents avoid eviction, we’re helping them and helping the entire community,” Mayor Cavalier Johnson said. “Community Advocates has a strong record of assisting Milwaukee residents with housing challenges, and I am pleased we can extend that partnership.”

Eligible tenants who live in the City of Milwaukee and have experienced a temporary financial hardship may receive short-term financial assistance for overdue rent and utilities through Community Advocates.

“We are grateful to the City of Milwaukee for investing in tenants who are struggling to stay in their homes due to a temporary financial hardship or loss of income,” said Andi Elliott, CEO of Community Advocates. “These funds are a lifeline for families trying to get back on their feet and avoid eviction, rental property owners who depend on regular rent payments to pay their bills and property taxes, and the entire City of Milwaukee, which benefits from stable and secure households and neighborhoods.”

Between 2020 and 2023, Community Advocates administered more than \$70 million federal ERA funds to Milwaukee and Waukesha tenants and property owners who struggled to maintain safe and stable housing during the pandemic.

Apply in Person at Community Advocates

Eligible City of Milwaukee residents are encouraged to apply immediately. Details about eligibility and benefits can be found on Community Advocates’ website at communityadvocates.net. Assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis to qualifying households.

To qualify, applicants must meet these criteria:

- Age: 18 years or older
- Residency: Live in the City of Milwaukee
- Income: Within the guidelines listed on [Community Advocates’ website](https://communityadvocates.net)
- Rent: Within Fair Market Rent (FMR) limits listed on [Community Advocates’ website](https://communityadvocates.net)
- Income Changes: Experienced a verifiable loss of income in the last 30 to 90 days
- Current Income: Must have current income
- Lease and Notice: Must have a current lease and a 5-day notice
- Contribution: May be required to pay 25% of monthly income toward future rent

Eligible tenants can apply at the Milwaukee Rental Housing Resource Center -- no appointment is necessary -- Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Community Advocates, 728 N. James Lovell Street, Milwaukee, WI. To request special accommodations, call 414-895-7368 or email info@renthelpmke.org.

Community Advocates is also offering guidance to help tenants navigate the application process and connect with additional resources if needed. The RHRC will make referrals to Community Advocates and the center’s rental housing partners for assistance as well.

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