



## **LEHIGH COUNTY**

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### **Advisory**

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## **CARES Rent Relief Program Update (RRP)**

**Lehigh County, PA-** The following statement is a reminder that the application deadline for the CARES Rent Relief Program (RRP) is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Please be aware that the authority to accept and process rental assistance requests pursuant to Act 24 of 2020 expires on September 30, 2020. At this time, Lehigh County and its agents (Hispanic American Organization, Conference of Churches and Catholic Charities) lack the authority to accept new applications AFTER September 30, 2020.

However, based upon ongoing legislative initiatives occurring in the Pennsylvania legislature, the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency anticipates that authority for COVID related rental assistance will be reenacted by the General Assembly. Upon reenactment of authority, PHFA and its agents (Lehigh County) will start accepting applications again. Please check back on the PHFA and Lehigh County websites regularly to see if applications for assistance are reopened. PHFA will also send media notices if reauthorization occurs, so also watch media.

If you previously submitted an application electronically or via the United States postal service with a post date of September 30, 2020 or earlier, we will continue to process your application.

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