



## **COVID-19 RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

### **FOR DELRAY BEACH CRA RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND ARTS WAREHOUSE TENANTS**

#### **Program Background:**

A large part of what makes the City of Delray Beach thrive are its residents and its vibrant small business community. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Delray Beach CRA (CRA) understands that residents are being asked to make sacrifices and small businesses are being forced to make unprecedented decisions.

Efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 have resulted in indefinite business closures, scaled down services, reduced business hours, disruptions in cash flow, and loss of employment. These sacrifices and decisions are affecting the very same residents and small businesses that make the City of Delray Beach the Village by the Sea.

The CRA remains steadfastly committed to our redevelopment mission and purpose to revitalize the physical environment and the economy of the Community Redevelopment Area. As a way to support small businesses and residents during this time, the CRA has instituted the COVID-19 Rent Assistance Program (Program) to provide direct financial assistance to tenants located in a CRA owned property – including residential, commercial, and Arts Warehouse tenants, who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Program will refund paid rents to qualified CRA tenants for the months of April and May 2020, if paid. Following the month of May, rent will be abated for qualified CRA tenants for **a X period beginning on X and ending on X.** The rent abatement period may be extended by the CRA Board as deemed necessary.

#### **Program Criteria:**

To qualify for the rent refund and/or abatement, you will need to be a residential, commercial, or Arts Warehouse tenant living in or located in a property owned by the CRA.

If you are a commercial tenant or an Arts Warehouse tenant, you must demonstrate that you previously applied for available funding from Federal, State, or other sources.

Additionally, any tenant (residential, commercial, or an Arts Warehouse tenant) will also need to demonstrate to the CRA in writing how you were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic using the following criteria:

- You were diagnosed with the virus SARS-Co-V-2 or with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) by a test approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; or
- Your spouse or dependent was diagnosed with such virus or disease by such a test; or

- You experienced adverse financial consequences as a result of being quarantined, being furloughed or laid off or having work hours reduced due to such a virus or disease, being unable to work due to lack of child care due to such virus or disease, closing or reducing hours of the business you own or operate due to such virus or disease and/or related restrictions due to such virus or disease; or
- Other factors as determined by the CRA Board.

**Submission Requirements:**

If you would like to be considered for the Program, please submit all necessary and required information to:

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Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency  
20 N. Swinton Avenue  
Delray Beach, Florida 33444  
[tibbsc@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:tibbsc@mydelraybeach.com)

Please provide current contact information (physical address, email address, and phone number) with your submission.

Once you have submitted the necessary and required information and you are deemed qualified for the Program, you do not need to resubmit information for each month.

**Deadline:**

Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis and will continue to be accepted for as long as the Program is deemed necessary by the CRA Board.

**Notification:**

You will be formally notified by the CRA when your submission has been received, and again if you qualify for the Program.