



# Suffolk County HOME Consortium

## Emergency Rental Assistance Program for COVID-19 Relief

### Quick Reference Guide

**ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:** The Suffolk County Consortium emergency rental assistance funds are a one-time payment granted to eligible applicants in an amount up to 100% of one month’s rent, up to a maximum of \$2,500. This program funds residents in existing rental units. The applicant will be required to fill out and sign a self-certification form to verify their income and how they were affected by the pandemic.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: An Applicant Must:**

1. Be a Suffolk County resident who is currently occupying a legal permanent housing unit (no hotels, motels, or dorms) within one of the participating Consortium municipalities (see below).
2. Have a fully-executed lease that has been in effect for a minimum of one month at the time of application, and has a term of at least one year.
3. Have a Total Household Income within the HUD Guidelines (see below), which has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**2020 INCOME GUIDELINES:** The maximum permitted combined gross annual household income for applicants shall not exceed 80% of the area median annual household income (AMI) as determined by HUD. Applicants residing within the Town of Huntington cannot exceed 60% AMI. Such amounts are set forth below.

Household Size	Maximum Combined Allowable Annual Income (60%AMI)	Maximum Combined Allowable Annual Income (80%AMI)
1	\$53,200	\$70,950
2	\$60,800	\$81,050
3	\$68,400	\$91,200
4	\$75,950	\$101,300
5	\$82,050	\$109,450
6	\$88,150	\$117,550
7	\$94,200	\$125,650
8 or more	\$100,300	\$133,750

**ELIGIBLE HOME PURCHASE AREA:**

Applicants must purchase a lead-based paint free home **within the Suffolk County HOME Consortium area**, which includes:

**Town of East Hampton** - and the Village of Sag Harbor.

**Town of Huntington** - the entire town.

**Town of Riverhead** - the entire town.

**Town of Smithtown** - and the Village of the Branch.

**Town of Southampton** - and the Villages of Sag Harbor, Southampton, Westhampton Beach and Westhampton Dunes.

**Town of Southold** - excluding incorporated villages.

**Town of Shelter Island** - excluding incorporated villages.

Please note that the **Town of Islip, Town of Babylon, and the Town of Brookhaven are NOT part of the Suffolk County Consortium. Rental units to be funded cannot be located within these towns.**

**ELIGIBLE UNITS:** Pre-existing or newly constructed single family residences located within the Suffolk County Consortium Selection Area must be occupied as a principal residence, including single-family houses, apartments, condominiums, cooperative apartments (co-ops) or manufactured homes.

Applications will be selected via lottery after the application window closes. Selected applicants and their landlords will be contacted by the County for further information and eligibility review. **Selection in the lottery is**



**NOT a guarantee of funding.** Participation by both tenant and landlord is required for eligibility. Payments will be made directly to the landlord.

Applications will available online, accessible by your smartphone or PC, on **December 15, 2020.** Online applications must be submitted **by January 15, 2021.**

**For more information call 631-853-5705 or email [Community.Development@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:Community.Development@suffolkcountyny.gov)**

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