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# RILS' HOUSING LAW CENTER UPDATE:

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## Governor Unveils Details of \$1.5 Million Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Over the weekend, Governor Gina Raimondo recognized the overwhelming impact COVID-19 has had on low-income Rhode Islanders and their housing:

*“There are many folks out there who are finding themselves in difficult financial positions and are worried about paying their bills and affording a place to live. No one should have to worry about this right now.”*

– Governor Gina Raimondo

In response to these concerns, the Governor announced a \$1.5 million **EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** to help Rhode Islanders avoid homelessness during this crisis. Grants can be as high as \$5,000, they cannot be used to pay future rent payments, and only one grant can be given per household. To learn more and/or fill out an application for these funds, visit the

[Housing Help RI website](#).<sup>1</sup>



## HousingHelpRI

For those who do not have regular internet access and/or have questions about the application process, call the United Way at “211” for help.

[Click here](#) for information in Spanish.

1 Readers are encouraged to review the underlying documents referenced here and reminded that this bulletin is for informational purposes only. It does not create an attorney-client relationship.

# RESOURCES TO HELP YOU

As always, if you need help, our Providence office can be reached at 401.274.2652 and our Newport office can be reached at 401.846.2264. If you’d like to help, [donate here](#). Other helpful resources are available too. You are not alone.



**Click the buttons below for other useful information:**

**Center for Disease Control & Prevention  
(CDC)**

**RI Office of the Governor,  
Gina Raimondo**

**RI Department of  
Health**

**RIAG COVID-19 Resource  
Guid**

**US Department of Veteran  
Affairs**

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