

Governor David Ige's recent emergency proclamations concerning the coronavirus has invoked special legal requirements applicable to landlords and tenants in Hawai'i. The following resources provide tenants with assistance during the COVID-19 crisis.

TOP THREE THINGS TO KNOW:

- 1** You cannot be evicted from your home right now. However, you still have to pay your rent.
- 2** If you're worried about paying rent, talk to your landlord as soon as you can to talk through delayed or partial payment options.
- 3** There are several options available - from rent and utility assistance to payment plans.

The **OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION** created a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about how Gov. David Ige's emergency proclamation has impacted landlords and tenants' legal relationship.

SEVERAL LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE OFFERING RENTAL ASSISTANCE:



- **ALOHA UNITED WAY COVID-19 RENT AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** was created to swiftly provide assistance to those at risk of losing their home or utility services. A maximum of \$1000 will be paid per household per month for both rent and utilities. Each household may apply up to once a month. Call 2-1-1 or visit auw211.org.
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII** is providing COVID-19 related assistance to help with rent payments, unexpected expenses, utility payments and more. Resources are available at catholiccharitieshawaii.org/coronavirus/.
- **HAWAII HOMEOWNERSHIP CENTER** offers information about [COVID-19's impact on housing issues](#).
- **HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY ASSETS/HAWAII COMMUNITY LENDING** partnered to launch the [Hawaii Emergency Loan Program \(HELP\)](#) to provide Hawaii residents with free financial counseling and loans for emergency housing payments. The program has been recently expanded in response to the economic impact of the coronavirus outbreak.
- **KAHIAU COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** provides [one-time emergency financial assistance to Native Hawaiian beneficiaries](#) facing hardship due to an unexpected crisis. Visit hawaiiancouncil.org/kahiau for more information.
- **HO'ĀLA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** provides [emergency financial assistance](#) for mortgage, rent and utility payments and more to Oah'u residents facing hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding is from the City and County of Honolulu.



CONGRESS has established several types of relief for the economic and housing pressures brought on by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). [Assistance for certain homeowners and renters](#) is available on Senator Brian Schatz's website.

MEDIATION SERVICES

MEDIATION CENTER OF THE PACIFIC'S [Rapid Response Program](#) is a free mediation program to assist tenants and landlords, who have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, negotiate plans to help tenants pay rent and stay in their homes.