Housing and COVID-19: Mobilizing Resources to Support Residents

Friday, March 26, 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. ET

With U.S. tenants in billions of dollars of debt with their landlords, housing insecurity is a critical issue for millions across the country that has only been worsened by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, county governments must both support their residents through various housing services and rapidly and effectively distribute billions of dollars of housing assistance funding from the federal government. Join us for a session on best practices in housing and rental assistance aid disbursement that will feature housing expert recommendations as well as county program examples from across the country.

Workshop Agenda

Introduction (2:00 P.M. – 2:05 P.M. ET)

Moderator: Hon. Angela Conley, NACo Community, Economic & Workforce Development Steering Committee (CEWD) Housing Subcommittee Chair; Commissioner, Hennepin County, Minn.

Rental Assistance Best Practices (2:05 P.M. – 2:25 P.M. ET)

This presentation will feature findings based on a recent report from the Aspen Institute Financial Security Program, Emerging Best Practices for COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Programs.

- Katherine Lucas McKay, Senior Program Manager, The Aspen Institute Financial Security Program

County Examples (2:25 P.M. – 2:45 P.M. ET)

Learn from a handful of counties from across the country how they have navigated rental assistance and other housing concerns for their residents, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Presentations will be “lightning round” (5-7 minutes each).

- Hon. Jennifer Kreitz, Supervisor, Mono County, Calif.
- Robert Nesbit, Chief of Staff, Consolidated Human Services Agency, Mecklenburg County, N.C.
- Aubrey Phillips, Strategic Performance Manager, Pinellas County, Fla.

Moderated Questions and Answers (2:45 P.M. ET – 3:00 P.M. ET)

During this section of the workshop, attendees will be able to ask questions to the speakers and moderator.

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