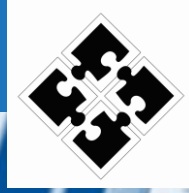# CRC Informs

RENT HELP IS AVAILABLE!

The RENTHELPMN program is live!

Minnesota has launched RENTHELPMN to assist Minnesotans with past due rent.

To apply:
In the Beltrami County area, contact Community Resource Connections at 218-333-0880. Make sure to mention "RentHelpMN" in your message as well as leave your name and phone number.

If you are outside the Beltrami County area, please contact 211 to be connected to the most appropriate local partnership organization.

A Navigator with assist you by reviewing a document checklist and with completing the application.

Unfortunately, homeowners are not eligible for assistance with this program. In addition, those who are only behind on utilities, and are not behind on rent, are ineligible during this phase of application.

What else should I know?

Applicants must be behind on rent and meet pre-screening requirements.

For those who are behind on rent, applicants can also request assistance on past due utilities and past due housing related fees.

All household members are required to be on the same application.

Landlords should also be completing the Landlord Registration in order to ensure faster application processing for their tenants.

RENTHELPMN

www.renthelpmn.org

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

What is it?

A temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The benefit provides:

- Up to $50/month discount for broadband service;
- Up to $75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to $100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

Who is eligible?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

How do I apply?

There are three ways to apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

1 Contact your Preferred Participating Provider Directly

Ask your provider if they participate in the EBB, or use our online tool to find a participating company near you.

2 Online

Use the online application at **GetEmergencyBroadband.org**

3 By Mail

Print an application in English or Spanish. Complete the application and send with proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

For additional information, **Call 833-511-0311**, or visit **fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit**

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We are here to help!

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www.crcinform.org

Networking Meetings

2021-22

Facilitated by Community Resource Connections

PURPOSE:

Networking meetings for professionals:

· Enable informed, professional, working relationships that result in better services for clients.

· Familiarize staff with area resources contributing to the "no wrong door" approach to services.

· Address the issues of staff turn-over; reducing the learning curve for new employees.

· Identifies gaps in community services and enables collaborative efforts to address gaps.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE:

All area professionals that provide direct services are encouraged to attend. Participants do NOT need to be CRC member agencies. We ask only that you are respectful of others when they are speaking regardless of your personal beliefs.

Meeting Dates

June 3, 2021

July 1, 2021

August 5, 2021

September 2, 2021

October 7, 2021

November 4, 2021

December 2, 2021

January 6, 2022

February 3, 2022

March 10, 2022

April 7, 2022

May 5, 2022

June 2, 2022

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month, starting at 10 a.m. and finishing by 11:30 a.m.

· Join using Zoom; eliminating travel time, waiting and parking issues

· There is no need to RSVP or notify of an anticipated absence; attend when you are able · If you can't attend but you have information to share: email it to rsherman@crcinform.org. Ruth will announce your information during the meeting and include it in the minutes.

· Meeting reminders and link information is sent out a week before and two days before each meeting

· If you are not currently receiving notices email rsherman@crcinformorg and ask to be added to the list. Invite others you think would benefit.

· Twice a year we intend to meet in person with the option to join via Zoom. When dates and location are confirmed we will notify you.

· Welcome!

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