

I am a landlord who helps my tenants find assistance. I help them navigate the confusing platform. I try to follow up as rent assistance has been taking super long. I have called the various agencies , only to be told they can only speak to the tenant. I am kept in the dark as to the status of their application. I do not threaten eviction, but I have to let tenants know they are responsible for the rent. I wait patiently for the rent payment. The eviction moratorium does not need to be extended. The rent assistance program needs to be improved.

If housing providers can be assured of receiving payment, the tenants can remain housed...but the tenants have to make some effort to communicate with the housing providers to let them know of their hardships.

Tenants have a responsibility to the landlord - it's a reality that government seems to ignore. The housing provider should be the one to apply for payment . The housing provider should be able to get information as to the status of the application.

HOWEVER- the tenants should have some requirements to stay engaged. Living for free, without accountability is unacceptable. I suggest as the tenants/landlord are waiting for assistance, the tenants are required to pay a nominal amount of monthly rent- perhaps 10% as an example. The landlords have financial hardship thru this process as well as the tenants. We all need to work together thru this crisis. At this time, it seems to be all in favor of the tenant as we wait and wait.

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