



2020 MONTANA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Session 1 Q&A

- 1.) *What is HOME?* HOME is a program of the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These are grants administered by the state and local municipalities to support housing for low- and moderate-income people.
- 2.) *Do we have projections about when we think that we will see an expected drop in rental payments? Are there good community models about how service providers are preparing for the future?* NMHC: Rent Payment Tracker Finds 89% paid rent as of June 13th, same pace as last year.
<https://www.calculatedriskblog.com/2020/06/nmhc-rent-payment-tracker-finds-89.html>
- 3.) *Are month-to-month rental agreements ok, not just full lease agreements?* Yes, month-to-month rental agreements are accepted.
- 4.) *Are there certain geographic areas that seem to be harder hit than others? Have you received more applications from a certain area?* Montana Housing will start pulling data on geographic distribution for the transparency site next week.
- 5.) *Does there need to be at least one child in the household?* For Phase 1 using TANF funds, eligibility includes at least one minor child in the household. This is not required for Phase II with CARES Act funds – all household types (with children or without, seniors, etc.) can apply.
- 6.) *Some renters can't manage the online application process. Will there be increased phone access for renters who prefer to apply by phone?* Montana Housing does not currently have a process to apply by phone, given requirements to upload/submit income and other documentation (i.e. lease agreement or mortgage statement). For applicants who do not have internet access or email, we can mail them a hard copy application – our admin staff will add their hard copy application to the online application portal.