

b. experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19, which the applicant shall attest in writing.

c. That one or more individuals within the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability, which may include: i. a past due utility or rent notice or eviction notice; ii. unsafe or unhealthy living conditions; or iii. any other evidence of such risk

How to Apply: Interested applicants can apply online via the Pennsylvania DHS COMPASS System <https://www.compass.state.pa.us> or by applying in person or contacting the Cambria County Behavioral Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Early Intervention Program in person at 110 Franklin Street Suite 300 Johnstown, PA 15901 or dialing (814) 535-8531, Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Cambria County Commissioners Tom Chernisky, B.J. Smith and Scott Hunt are looking forward to delivering assistance to Cambria County residents who are experiencing housing instability.

“This is good news for Cambria County because if someone has lost income due to the pandemic and they are falling behind on rent and utilities this program will help people to get back on their feet and help maintain housing security for Cambria County families,” said President Commissioner Chernisky.

“Those who are suffering because they are behind on rent can call Cambria County Behavioral Health/Intellectual Disabilities/ Early Intervention Program at (814) 535-8531 to get information about receiving rental assistance and housing stability services,” said Commissioner Smith.

“It is important that we get the word out to help as many people as we can,” said Commissioner Hunt. “Rent can be paid to landlords through the program for up to 12 months.”

Questions on this press release can be answered by Tracy Selak at (814) 535-8531.