

# Concerned About Rent?

## Here's How the Government Can Help

We know this is an unprecedented time of uncertainty for our residents. We also know that many of our residents are suffering from job losses, furloughs and reduced hours. Fortunately, **there is help available.**

### Enhanced Unemployment Benefits

If you have lost your job, you can apply for state unemployment benefits. <http://www.floridajobs.org/>

Congress is enhancing state unemployment to provide more income and coverage for more people.

- **Adds \$600 per week** for four months in addition to state unemployment benefits.
- **Adds up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment benefits** to enrolled persons nearing the end of benefits.
- Expands the program to include a number of workers normally ineligible to receive unemployment benefits. This includes:
  - Freelancers
  - Independent contractors/gig workers
  - Self-employed and those with limited work history
  - Employees whose hours have been reduced
- **Nonprofits** like The Restaurant Workers' Community Foundation have established relief funds for those facing economic hardships as cooks, bartenders and servers.

**PLEASE IMMEDIATELY APPLY TO HELP EXPEDITE AID.** The federal government is funding the first week of benefits to encourage states to waive traditional waiting periods.

### Direct Payments

The federal government will be making one-time cash payments directly to individuals and families. These payments should be issued during the month of April either by check or direct deposit. How much will you receive?

**It is required that you have filed your federal and state taxes for 2018 and/or 2019 to be deemed eligible.**

- Individuals earning less than \$75,000 will **receive \$1,200.**
- Married couples earning less than \$150,000 will **receive \$2,400.**
- If you have children, you will **receive \$500 per child, up to \$1,500**
- Individuals earning more than \$75,000 and less than \$99,000 – and couples earning more than \$150,000 and less than \$198,000 – are eligible for a lesser amount.

### We're Here to Work with You

We understand there may be a delay in your ability to access these benefits. If that's the case, please talk to us. We are offering a number of rent flexibility options, which include payment plans and waived late fees.

We are thankful for the hard work of our employees in keeping our community operational during this COVID-19 pandemic. To that end, we rely on rental payments for staff payroll, utilities, maintenance and more.

We remain heartened by the stories of neighbors helping one another. We're in this together and appreciate your helpfulness to overcome this crisis.