### HOUSING ASSISTANCE as of June 2021



## INCOME LOSS DUE TO COVID-19

Congress's latest coronavirus relief package, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, is the largest economic relief bill in U.S. history. GECAC is providing financial assistance to renters and homeowners who have suffered financial hardship and now lack sufficient income or resources to pay their housing costs because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Erie City:

- Renter Being Evicted
- Mortgage Past Due
  - Up to 6 Months of Assistance
  - **Call Erie County Care Management at (814) 743-5837**. Ask to be referred to GECAC's Housing Assistance program.

# Millcreek Township/Erie City:

Renters and homeowners who are financially impacted by the economic slowdown related to the coronavirus pandemic can access rent, mortgage, and utility relief through the Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC). The goal is to alleviate financial pressure for low to moderate-income households in Millcreek and the city of Erie.

- Rent Past Due
- Mortgage Past Due
- Utilities Past Due (Water, Gas, Electric)
  - Up to \$5,000 Rent or Mortgage Assistance
  - Up to \$1,000 Utility Assistance
  - Financial assistance amount depends on circumstances. Not all clients will receive a maximum of \$5,000/\$1,000.
  - **Call Greater Erie Community Action Committee at (814) 459-4581**. Ask for the Housing Department.

# **2** GENERAL INCOME LOSS (NOT COVID-19 RELATED)

GECAC offers emergency relief for rent payments for households experiencing a financial crisis impacting their housing, health, and safety. Financial assistance is available to help with rent to provide stability and prevent homelessness during a financial crisis. These services are offered to Erie City and County residents. Other eligibility conditions and restrictions apply.

#### **Erie City and Erie County:**

- Homeless
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Assistance with the security deposit and the first month's rent.
  - **Call Erie County Care Management at (814) 743-5837**. Ask to be referred to GECAC's Housing Assistance program.
- Renter Being Evicted or Couchsurfing (moving from location to location with no fixed address, i.e. sleeping on friends' couches)
  - Up to \$750 Assistance per year for families/ \$500 for individuals
  - Financial assistance amount depends on circumstances. Not all renters will receive a maximum of \$750/\$500.
  - **Call Erie County Care Management at (814) 743-5837.** Ask to be referred to GECAC's Housing Assistance program.