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Access Helps Homeowners Financially Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic with MyHomeCT



MyHomeCT

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Willimantic/Danielson, CT: The Access Community Action Agency is helping eligible homeowners of Tolland and Windham Counties apply for the Federally funded mortgage relief program MyHomeCT. Through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, \$123 million has been awarded to the Homeowner Assistance Fund or MyHomeCT in Connecticut, and it is being administered by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority. As a designated Resource Center for MyHomeCT, Access can help find relief for homeowners experiencing hardships due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. MyHomeCT is meant to cure and/or prevent mortgage and housing-related delinquencies and foreclosure.

Connecticut Homeowners may apply for up to \$50,000 in grant assistance. Qualified expenses under the program include payment assistance for mortgage delinquencies and future payments, non-escrowed real estate taxes, non-escrowed homeowners' insurance and flood insurance, water and sewer liens, ground lease or lot payments, fees advanced by the loan servicer/lender on behalf of an applicant with a reverse mortgage, and condominium and/or homeowners' association fees or special assessments. "We hope to help Homeowners who have experienced hardships due to the COVID-19 Pandemic find some relief", says Dale Richardson, MyHomeCT Navigator of Access. To be eligible, an applicant must live in Connecticut and occupy the property as their primary residence. The applicant also must have experienced a COVID-19-related financial hardship after January 21, 2020, or experienced a financial hardship before that date that was then exacerbated by the pandemic. The property must be an owner-occupied, one-to-four-unit house, condominium, townhouse, or manufactured home.

Anyone interested in applying to or learning more about MyHomeCT please check out our webpage:

<https://accessagency.org/homelessness-prevention-services/> or contact Dale Richardson at 860-412-1600 ext. 1625, dale.richardson@accessagency.org, located at the Danielson Access Office on 231 Broad Street or Sashary Rios, 860-450-7400 ext. 7486, sashary.rios@accessagency.org, located at the Willimantic Office on 1315 Main Street. We will be following all standard and state-mandated precautions including social distancing and mask requirements. Homeowners can also visit www.chfa.org/MyHomeCT to learn more and to complete a short online questionnaire to see if they may be eligible.

The Access Community Action Agency is designated by the federal and state government as the anti-poverty agency in northeast Connecticut. Access provides food, affordable housing, job readiness services, and other pathways to economic self-reliance for vulnerable limited-income families and individuals throughout the region.