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Coronavirus Relief Fund-Emergency Services Program: Water/Sewer, Rent and Mortgage Assistance

OIC of Clark County announces water/sewer, rent, and mortgage assistance for Clark County Ohio residence impacted by COVID-19. The funding is part of the Cares Act Stimulus Package that was announced on October 23, 2020 during a joint press conference with members of the general assembly.

The funding will be available beginning November 2, 2020 through December 30, 2020 to assist eligible households that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 causing them to become behind on their water/sewer, rent, or mortgage payments.

Clark County households that are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, and have experienced hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic causing them to get behind on rent, mortgage, or water and sewer utilities are encouraged to submit an Assistance Request Packet. The forms for this packet can be accessed on OIC of Clark County's website at www.oicofclarkco.org.

Paper copies of the Assistance Request Packets may be picked up at OIC's Administrative Offices now located in the former Security National Bank-Western Branch Office at 920 West Main Street in Springfield, Ohio; **or** at The City of Springfield Utilities Payment Office. Households requesting assistance will be required to submit income documentation as well as several other verifying documents with their requests. Funds are only available until December 30, 2020, so residents are encouraged to submit their requests and all documentation quickly.

"These funds come at a critical time for many of our struggling neighbors and families, and OIC's board and staff are committed to helping as many people as possible with these new resources in this brief timeframe," said Mike Calabrese, OIC's Executive Director.

OIC is the Community Action Agency for Clark County and assists over 5,000 adults and youth annually through its programs that provide utility assistance, educational and vocational training, and support services to returning citizens.

More information can be obtained on OIC's website, www.oicofclarkco.org, or by calling (937) 325-8366. Questions can be directed to help@oicofclarkco.org. Residents of other counties who need assistance will need to reach out to their county's local Community action agency.