



COVID-19 Assistance Programs **UPDATE** – January 7, 2021

Reminder: Due to a high volume of applications, calls and emails, we are not able to provide individuals with updates on the status of their application. Applicants are informed by email when their application has been reviewed and a determination has been made. Please see below for an update on the programs.



Updated 1/7/21

- *221 individuals have been determined eligible*
- *\$448,000 in grant funds approved by CCS to be issued by CBJ*

We are currently processing COVID-19 Individual Assistance applications and will continue to make eligibility determinations until all \$2 million in funds have been expended.

- **We are currently processing applications received on December 8.**
- We received over 900 applications on the first day of the program, so your patience is appreciated.
- We have started informing applicants by email that they are eligible, and CBJ is working on issuing checks now.
- At the direction of the CBJ, the application period ended on December 14 at 4:45pm. If you applied after that date and time, we are not able to process your application



Updated 12/30/20

All \$3 million in COVID-19 Housing Assistance funds have been issued to eligible applicants. This program is now concluded.

- Those who applied October 27 – November 18 have been notified by email whether they are eligible or not, and CBJ has issued all checks to households that were eligible for a grant.
- Due to the high demand for this program, there were not enough funds to provide grants to those who applied after November 18.
- Those who applied November 19 – December 12 will not receive a grant from this program.



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INFORMATION RELEASE

December 28, 2020

Clarification on COVID-19 Housing Assistance and Individual Assistance programs

The application period for the [COVID-19 Individual Assistance Grant Program](#) closed on December 14 and the application period for the [COVID-19 Housing Assistance Grant Program](#) closed on December 12. Neither of the two programs reopened at any time, and both remain closed. The City and Borough of Juneau programs aim to provide grant funding to individuals and/or households financially impacted by the pandemic. Both programs are administered by Catholic Community Service, and distribute funds on a first come, first served basis until funding is exhausted.

Here are other clarifying details about the assistance programs:

- People can qualify for both the Housing Assistance program and Individual Assistance program.
- Originally, the Housing Assistance program provided up to \$2,000 in assistance – up to \$1,500 for rent or mortgage, and/or up to \$500 for utility bills. [In November](#), the Juneau Assembly passed [a resolution](#) approving an increase for the housing benefit from \$1,500 to \$2,500. That meant eligible individuals and households could receive up to \$3,000 in relief. The increase remains in place.
- Catholic Community Service notifies applicants of both programs of eligibility by email. Once an approval email is sent, the applicant can expect a check from CBJ within 2-3 weeks. To date, CCS has approved 975 households to receive a total of \$2,647,743 in Housing Assistance and expects to authorize the remaining \$352,257 in funds later this week. CCS is currently processing Individual Assistance applications and will be approving some funds this week for that program, as well.
- Applicants whose financial hardship is not due to the COVID-19 pandemic are not eligible for funding in either program.

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For more information on:

- CBJ COVID-19 Individual Assistance Program, contact Catholic Community Service at 463-6100 (option 2) or CBJassist@ccsak.org.
- CBJ COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program, contact Catholic Community Service at 463-6100 (option 1) or CBJgrant@ccsak.org.