



Office of Housing Policy & Community Development Emergency Rental Assistance Program

City of New Orleans

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- OCD started the first rental assistance program in April 2020 in the State in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the program, over 2,500 households have been assisted using CARES Act, HUD Entitlement, NHIF and Philanthropic funds.
- On February 15, 2021, OCD began the U.S. Treasury funded Emergency Rental Assistance Program after receiving \$11.6 million directly from Treasury which is projected to assist 1,500 households. OCD received 5,075 applications by February 28, 2021 and 8,622 applications by March 31, 2021.
- The Governor's Office has committed an additional \$15.1 million from the State's allocation for rental assistance. These funds will be transmitted as backfill for payments previously issued by New Orleans (CNO).

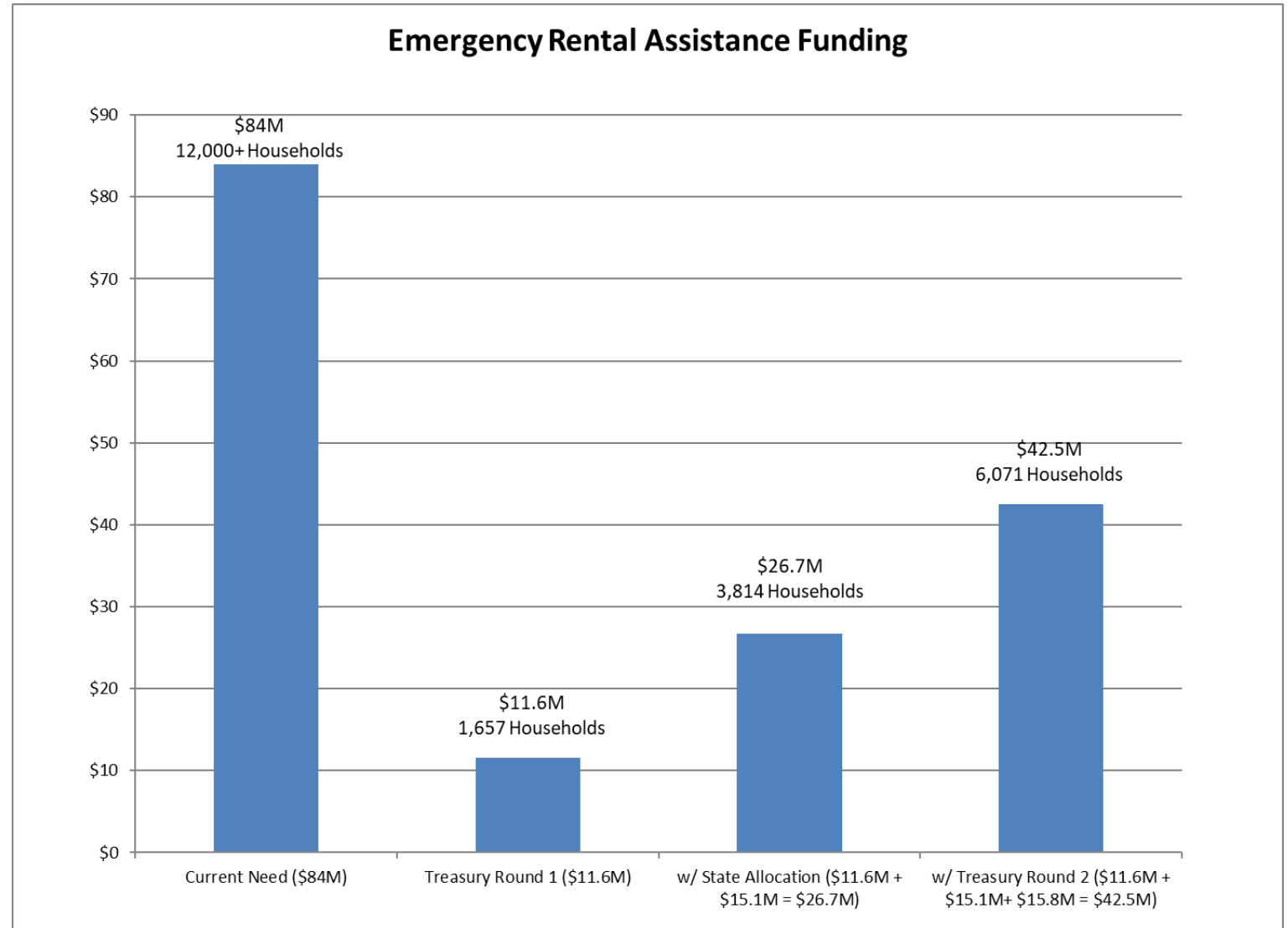
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- A second round of Treasury funding in the amount of \$15.6 million has been applied for by the CNO.
- Grantees are required to verify identity, income, address and that there are no duplication of benefits for the period assisted. Hardship must also be tied to COVID-19.
- Failure to meet any of the program requirements could result in a recapture of funding.

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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS MAYOR LATOYA CANTRELL EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM as of 6/7/2021	
WEEKLY STATUS REPORT for 6/7/2021	
Total Applications Approved	1,102
Average Award	\$5,710
Total Amount Approved	\$6,186,210
Total Amount Disbursed	\$5,443,910
Application Numbers Currently Under Review	Numbered up to 3500
Application Numbers to be Reviewed (July-September)	Numbered 3500-6000*
Number of Applications Received to Date	11,900**

* Applications will be processed until funds are fully exhausted. CNO has currently received \$11.6M for rental assistance which is projected to assist 1,500 households. Processed applications will be held until funding becomes available.

** Applications are currently being received only as emergency referrals.

AWARD DEMOGRAPHICS	
Black	81.50%
White	12.50%
Hispanic	4.00%
Asian	0.10%
Other & Not Specified	2%

PARISH BY PARISH STATUS (reported as of 6/2/2021)	APPLICATIONS APPROVED	FUNDS DISPERSED
Caddo	586	\$2,576,369
Calcasieu	91	\$678,887
East Baton Rouge	64	\$214,132
Jefferson	55	\$236,207
Lafayette	280	\$1,529,615
Orleans	972	\$4,443,910
St. Tammany	Not Available	Not Available

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Moving Forward:

- OCD issued a notice of funding for a servicer and received four applications on June 3rd.
- There is potential for increased funding from other parishes and the federal government.
- OCD is continuing to receive emergency referrals from the courts and nonprofit outreach organizations.
- OCD is working to improve communication with applicants around processing status. Regular updates will be posted to the ReadyNOLA website.

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What should I do as an applicant if I am unable to pay my rent?

1. Check application number to determine where you stand. The City expects to serve 3,500 by the end of August and as many as 6,000 with anticipated funding by end of September (all subject to funding availability).
2. Try to work with your landlord/tenant to make a payment plan or to accept partial payment.
3. Refer to the ReadyNOLA website for updates on increased funding and numbers of applicants being served.
4. Contact Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) eviction hotline at 1-844-244-7871 or Craig Foundas at (504) 658-4395 if you are in imminent threat of eviction.



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