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**Clermont County Community Services announces rent, mortgage, and water assistance for Ohioans impacted by COVID-19**

**Clermont County Community Services**, has announced that there are funds available to assist households impacted by COVID-19 with rent or mortgage payments and to prevent water and sewer disconnections beginning November 2, 2020.

Ohioans, who are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and have fallen behind on rent or mortgage payments, water bills, or sewer payments are encouraged to contact Clermont County Community Services to submit an application for assistance. Funds are available for a limited time and applicants are encouraged to reach out early.

"We are thrilled to have this resource available to help our community maintain safe and healthy homes for their families as we recover from the economic fallout from COVID-19," said, Billie Kuntz, Executive Director. "Though the funds are available for a short time, this new resource and our experience administering similar programs will help hundreds of households once again find stable ground."

Governor Mike DeWine announced the availability of funds last Friday during a joint press conference with members of the General Assembly. The funding is part of the CARES Act stimulus package and are available until December 30, 2020. **All households who are experiencing challenges in paying their past due payments should contact Clermont County Community Services at 513-732-2277 ext. 842 or [debbiec@cccsi.org](mailto:debbiec@cccsi.org) to learn more or complete an application.**

"Though the eviction moratorium by the Centers for Disease Control has prevented some residential evictions for non-payment of rent and mortgage bills, late fees they are still accumulating," said LeAnn Townes, Housing Coordinator. "This funding will make a high impact, will keep families in their homes now, and will prevent future evictions."

Residents outside of Clermont County can find their local Community Action Agency by visiting <https://oacaa.org/agency-directory/>.