

From: [Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor](#)
Eviction Assistance and Resources
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Dear Judge,

The Supreme Court Law Library staff conducted a survey of Ohio's 47 community action agencies—that together serve all 88 counties—to determine the status of their coordination with local municipal courts and courts of common pleas to connect individuals facing eviction or mortgage foreclosure with available funding support. A total of 40 of the community action agencies (85 percent) responded to our inquiry. A total of 62 percent of the agencies reported being in contact with their municipal courts concerning rental assistance funds. Substantially fewer—21 percent—reported being in contact with their courts of common pleas regarding mortgage assistance funds.

Funds are still available for rental and mortgage assistance from the [local community action agencies](#). The Ohio Department of Development reported that Ohio has used more than \$144 million of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance, but there is still more Treasury and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding available. Also, the Department reports that Ohio has used more than \$210 million from the total for the Home Relief Grant (Treasury, CDBG, and Coronavirus Relief Fund) to assist more than 53,000 households. Here's a link to the Ohio Department of Development's [website](#). I encourage you to pass this information along to litigants in your court.

I urge you to reach out to your community action agency if you have not done so already. If you are one of the 62 percent and have already reached out to your community action agency, I challenge you to collaborate with the community action agency to increase your county's awareness of these funds.

As a reminder, Supreme Court staff have compiled a number of eviction resources for courts:

- [Supreme Court of Ohio's Judicial Guide to Eviction Diversion](#)
- [Eviction Resources](#) for courts to link to on their website and provide the flyer to litigants: [Eviction Assistance Flier](#).
- National Center for State Courts (NCSC): [Tiny Chat: Evictions](#) (including Tiny Chat 58: Rental Assistance PSA in which the NCSC has developed a brief public service announcement video for courts to post on their website that NCSC will customize for a court system for free with the court's logo and rental assistance URL).
- National Center for State Courts: [Eviction Resources](#)

Thank you for your continued commitment to just and expeditious service to all Ohioans.

Sincerely,

Maureen O'Connor
Chief Justice