



Dear Community Partner,

Home has never been more important. Our homes have always provided shelter, but in the midst of the COVID pandemic, home has become so much more. Home is where we receive our health care, educate our children, conduct business, and connect virtually for worship services, community meetings, and social gatherings.

The economic impact of the pandemic has left many Kansans unemployed or underemployed, uncertain how they will pay rent. While moratoriums provide temporary protection from eviction, rent continues to accrue each month, leaving tenants unsure how they will pay arrears, and leaving landlords without monthly income to pay bills and manage maintenance and upkeep.

Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) has worked closely with the Kelly administration, the Office of Recovery, and the Department of Children and Families to create the [Kansas Eviction Prevention Program \(KEPP\)](#). KEPP is designed to decrease evictions and increase housing stability by assisting landlords and tenants experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID pandemic.

Through the KEPP program, landlords and tenants apply for up to \$5000 per household to pay delinquent rental payments dating as far back as April 1, 2020. Payments will be made directly to the landlord, who must agree not to evict the household for nonpayment of rent for the months of KEPP assistance received. Landlords must also agree to waive any late fees accrued during the months for which assistance is received.

**Here's where we need your help.** We're under a tight deadline to spread the word and get this crucial assistance to Kansans in need. Applications must be received by **Nov. 30** and program funds must be expended by **Dec. 30**. ***Will you join us by sharing this opportunity with your clients and stakeholders?*** Here are a few easy ways to spread the word:

1. ***Create an email blast to share this opportunity with your distribution list.*** Just copy and paste the first four paragraphs of this message, personalize with your own text if you'd like, and click send!
2. ***Make the [KEPP flyer](#) and [step-by-step application guide](#) available to your clients and stakeholders.*** Both are available online. If you'd like printed copies, let us know. With sufficient advance notice, we'll ship enough stock for your audience.

3. **Direct your contacts to the [KEPP web page](#) for more info.** This is where you'll find links to our online tenant application and landlord certification, program FAQs, and a list of community partners available to provide support throughout the application process.

The KEPP program is funded through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act. Program funds are limited, and applications will be processed in the order received. Tenants and landlords should apply as soon as possible to increase your likelihood of receiving assistance.

Communication with your stakeholders has never been more important. Please reach out to community members who may benefit from this program and encourage them to apply. We appreciate your partnership as we work to preserve home and support Kansans in need.

**Questions?** Please contact [KEPP@kshousingcorp.org](mailto:KEPP@kshousingcorp.org).

