## **COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENT BRIDGE** Provides *temporary* Rental Assistance

During this challenging and uncertain time, it's more important than ever to provide sustainable housing for the safety and well-being of all North Dakotans. The **COVID-19 Emergency Rent Bridge** (ERB) provides individuals and families who are experiencing a loss of household income because of the pandemic with temporary rental assistance.

## WHAT HOUSING PROVIDERS NEED TO KNOW

- If a Renter has applied for and/or been approved for assistance from the ERB, they will receive confirmation message(s) that they can show to their Housing Provider.
- If a Renter is approved, the state of North Dakota will send the **payment directly to the Housing Provider**.
- Payments will be processed weekly

## **TO RECEIVE PAYMENT**

If you have a Renter who has applied for assistance from the Rent Bridge, before the state of North Dakota can make the rent payment, you must verify your status as a Housing Provider.

1. Create an account in the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Supplier Registry, <u>https://bit.ly/2yK2Zba</u>. (OMB will need to validate or re-validate your account information **before making the payment**. Housing Providers unable to register with OMB online should contact 701-328-2538 or dhseo@nd.gov.)

2. Once you have your Supplier ID, and your Renter has been approved and you have their ERB Confirmation ID Number, use the Housing Provider Payment Request, <u>https://bit.ly/3dDYOwq</u>, to request the payment due.

3. Further instructions will be provided online. Be prepared to individually validate the rent due for all of your tenants who applied for ERB assistance.

4. ERB staff will process the request. Any approved payments will be made directly to you, the Housing Provider, into the account specified when you registered as a Supplier.

LEARN MORE about the Rent Bridge at http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/ covid-19/rent-bridge.html QUESTIONS? Contact dhseo@nd.gov

If you know a renter who is struggling to pay their rent, please reach out to let them know about the COVID-19 Emergency Rent Bridge program. By participating in this process, you play an important role in helping us protect the health and well-being of every family during this crisis. Thank you for your partnership. N O R T H Dakota Be Legendary.™