



Metropolitan Housing Coalition

June 2021 Newsletter

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Stay Tuned for...

The Annual Meeting keynote Q&A between Matthew Desmond and moderator Jeana Dunlap raised SOOO many good questions that we could not field all of the questions in the allotted time, so we want to make sure to follow-up on these questions in future MHC newsletters. Stay tuned as we keep the discussion going on evictions in our community.

Update on Land Development Code Reform

Progress is being made to make changes to Louisville's Land Development Code, a document which has intentionally caused severe racial segregation, concentrated poverty, and disinvestment in many Louisville neighborhoods. On

June 10th, Louisville Metro Council voted into law two of the six initial recommendations for changes to the Land Development Code, one regarding notice to neighbors about new development and the second regarding expansion of urban agriculture opportunities. On June 23rd, Metro Council will vote on whether to allow the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) to occur by-right without the burdensome requirement of seeking a Conditional Use Permit. Due to time constraints, the final three recommendations from the first round of proposals were not able to be heard by the Planning Committee, however, it is anticipated that these recommendations will be heard at the July 20th Planning Committee meeting, before heading to Metro Council for a final vote. Following the passage of these initial recommendations, the city will be working with the community to develop additional changes to the LDC that will help to ensure that affordable housing can be built in all areas of our city. MHC will be playing an active role in engaging community members in these conversations and we urge you to get involved in these crucial discussions. Follow MHC on Facebook or Twitter to learn more about future opportunities to get involved and have your voice heard about these important issues impacting the future of Louisville.

Wave of Evictions Coming to Louisville after the CDC Moratorium Expires

Housing providers and advocates across Louisville are deeply concerned about the federal eviction moratorium's pending expiration on June 30, 2021. In Louisville, court dates for those currently protected by the moratorium will begin July 9th and there is extreme apprehension about a wave of evictions sweeping the city. Not only will these evictions have devastating consequences on the economic and housing stability of thousands of families and children, but they could also lead to greater spread of and death from COVID-19. Because communities with lower vaccination rates and higher COVID cases tend to be the same as those with renters at heightened risk of eviction, allowing the moratorium to expire before vaccination rates increase will very likely lead to increased spread of COVID-19. Despite heroic efforts by city leaders and service providers, many renters still struggle to access Emergency Rental Assistance and are at risk of losing their homes when the moratorium expires. There are several current challenges with ERA programs, including: limited capacity issues by program administrators; burdensome documentation requirements that make it more difficult to distribute funds; landlord refusal to participate in ERA programs; and many renters and landlords being unaware that aid is available. In addition to continuing to work to improve local processes and practices for efficient distribution of ERA funds, it is critical that we advocate to extend and strengthen the CDC eviction moratorium until states and localities can distribute ERA, and until vaccination rates in marginalized communities have increased. To learn more, [read the letter sent by the NLIHC](#) to the Biden Administration encouraging the administration to use every tool possible to prevent an historic wave of evictions, including extending the eviction moratorium, establishing eviction delay, diversion, and mitigation measures through the Department of Justice, and reaffirming renter protections in the ERA program.

Louisville Metro 2021 Eviction Prevention Program

Household Rental Assistance

Eligible households may receive assistance for past due rent and/or future rent assistance if needed to ensure housing stability.

Eligibility Includes:

- Jefferson County residency
- Owe rent related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Household income up to 80% AMI (Area Median Income) within the previous 60 days

Persons in Household	Up to 80% of AMI for Louisville Metro Area
1	\$43,400 yearly/ \$3,616 monthly or less
2	\$49,600 yearly/ \$4,133 monthly or less
3	\$55,800 yearly/ \$4,650 monthly or less
4	\$62,000 yearly/ \$5,166 monthly or less
5	\$67,000 yearly/ \$5,583 monthly or less
6	\$71,950 yearly/ \$5,995 monthly or less
7	\$76,900 yearly/ \$6,408 monthly or less

Required Documents Include:

- Copy of most recent lease agreement
 - Past due rent notice, if applicable
 - Copy of picture ID for all adults members (18 and older) in the household
 - Proof of social security for all household members, or ITIN numbers (or proof of age for under 2 years old)
 - Proof of income within the last 60 days
 - Verification of loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Rent Assistance Application Form and Landlord/Tenant Agreement Form*
- *Forms are provided at the drop box location and available at louisvilleky.gov/NeighborhoodPlace website

How to Apply:

Starting May 25th
Call 502-308-3344
or visit
louisvilleky.gov/NeighborhoodPlace

Notice: Visit stopmyeviction.org for information about completing the CDC Declaration Form and the federal Eviction Moratorium.

MHC Expands Utility Shutoff Advocacy Work to Include Water Shutoff in New Pilot Project

The Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC) has long been associated with our work intervening on behalf of low-income households before the Kentucky Public Service Commission in LG&E-KU rate cases. Expanding on this work, MHC has now partnered with the Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) and the Louisville Water Company, through an opportunity with the U.S. Water Alliance on a ten city pilot to prevent water shutoffs. The goals of this pilot project are to develop strategies that utility managers and policymakers can use to prevent water shutoff among low-income households and promote long-term affordability through building effective collaboration between utilities and community-based organizations to design and implement strategies to achieve equitable water access alongside financial resilience.

MHC continues to realize the importance of utility shutoffs, especially in the midst of a global health crisis, and the connection to housing stability in our community. That is why we have expanded our policy advocacy work to include water. This work has just begun with our partners at the local level and in conjunction with the U.S. Water Alliance and our pilot project cities. So stay

tuned for more developments from this collaboration.

Are you interested in joining the MHC team as a Communications and Engagement VISTA Member?



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<https://metropolitanhousing.org/2021-mhc-vista-member/>

New Affordable Housing Social Enterprise to Explore

Nesterly, a home-sharing social enterprise, recently announced their intent to sign up 300 hosts in the coming weeks to help Louisville unlock hundreds of new affordable housing units, bridge generations, and generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in supplemental income for aging residents. Explore more about this issue here:

www.nesterly.com

https://www.wdrb.com/news/new-homeshare-platform-in-louisville-connects-hosts-and-renters-seeking-safe-affordable-options/article_fcd183d2-cfaa-11eb-b58c-77ac8594895e.html

What do you think?

Email us your thoughts at info@metropolitanhousing.org

Upcoming Events

- "Finding the Right Solutions: Understanding Affordable Lending at PNC" (Organized by PNC) on June 24, 2021. Register [HERE](#).
 - "Policy Summit 2021: Pathways to Economic Resilience in Our Communities" (organized by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland) from June 23-25, 2021. Register [HERE](#).
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