

Ramsey County Meals on Wheels Consortium Resource Update - April 16, 2021

Did a loved one die from COVID-19? FEMA can reimburse funeral costs

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is offering to provide financial relief for COVID-19-related funeral expenses as part of the CARES Act. The agency will start accepting applications as early as April 1. [Full Story](#)

USDA Increasing Emergency SNAP Benefits, Providing Millions with Additional Relief During COVID-19

The [Food Research & Action Center](#) (FRAC) is pleased that the Biden administration has heeded our recommendation to expand the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Emergency Allotments during COVID-19. We applaud the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for taking action to improve food relief by providing \$1 billion per month in additional food assistance to SNAP participants, making the program more equitable for low-income households in need during the pandemic. Read the [Press Release](#) from USDA.

RentHelpMN.org

- Renters, do you need help paying your rent?
- Landlords, do you have tenants behind on rent?
- Help is on the way!

MHFA hopes to launch RentHelpMN within weeks, but do not have a specific date yet. The RentHelpMN Information Session was recorded, includes ASL interpretation and close captioning and is posted here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nTW9VQ7zWg&t=1s>

Spanish, Hmong, and Somali webinar and PowerPoint slides translations will be available soon at <http://mnhousing.gov>.

For more information and Get Ready checklists please go to www.RentHelpMN.org.

Once the application launches, it will also be available on that webpage. If you have any questions, please contact United Way 211, the call center for RentHelpMN. Calls are taken daily, confidential and in multiple languages.

Toll Free: 800-543-7709

Local: 651-291-0211

Text your zip code to 898-211*

Additional resources also linked on the RentHelpMN.org site:

- Heating costs and furnace repairs are available through the [Low Income Energy Assistance Program](#).
 - Internet costs are available through the [FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit \(EBB\)](#).
 - Additional Help for homeowners is on the way. Check back for more information.
 - If you want to talk to a nonprofit homeownership advisor who can help navigate your situation, contact the [Minnesota Homeownership Center](#).
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SeniorsMobility.org

[Seniors Mobility](#) publishes guides and links to resources that might be of interest to your clients, including home safety in the bathroom, bedroom, and other living spaces. They also have mobility exercise guides and a guide for receiving free mobility aids.