

Greetings,

The City of New Haven Department of Elderly Services will begin the **State of Connecticut Rent Rebate** application process on April 1, 2022. To qualify for the Renter's rebate program You must be at least 65 years of age or between the ages of 18 and 64 and designated disabled as defined by the Social Security Administration or be at least 50 years old and a surviving spouse of a renter who at the time of his or her death met the qualifications for the rent rebate.

All applicants must currently reside in New Haven and have resided in Connecticut for any one year period prior to filing an application for a rebate.

The following **INCOME** guidelines are required for qualified applicants:

Total income must not exceed \$38,100 if unmarried or \$46,400 if married. Income verification can be in the form of a 2021 federal income tax return (if filed), earnings statement from Social Security for 2021, income received from a pension or any other retirement vehicle (IRA, annuity, etc.) for 2021.

Acceptable proof of **RENT** and **OTHER EXPENSES** for qualified applicants are as follows:

- ◆ A computer printout from a property management company or resident services that shows **ALL** applicant's rent paid in 2021.
- ◆ A letter from your landlord, **with name and phone number**, that proves **ALL** applicant's rent paid in 2021. This letter should disclose only what the applicant paid out-of-pocket and excludes any subsidy provided by a government agency.
- ◆ 12 rent receipts, with landlord signature and phone number for 2021.

RENT RECEIPTS WILL BE accepted this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

- ◆ Other acceptable expenses include utilities paid in 2021 for electric, gas, water, and oil. Contact your utility provider and request a printout of payments made for all of 2021.
- ◆ Heating assistance is counted as part of applicant's expenses if such assistance is federally funded.

Documents submitted for the rebate **will not** be returned. Copies of original documents will be accepted.. Applications **will not** be completed nor will they be submitted if **ALL** required documents are not presented to Elderly Services Processing Staff.

Once you have all documents ready for processing be sure to sign your name to one or more of the documents. Make sure that your complete **Social Security number, birthdate and telephone number** are also included. If any of the preceding information is missing your application **will not** be processed. Take your documents to one of the following locations and place them in the secure lock box provided. When your application has been completed a receipt will be mailed to you.

DROP BOX LOCATIONS

ATWATER SENIOR CENTER
26 ATWATER STREET
DOUG 203-589-8427
ENEIDA 203-836-4120



EAST SHORE SENIOR CENTER
411 TOWNSEND AVENUE

MICHELE 203-410-0007
PATRICK 203 464-0021

THE NEW 'Q' HOUSE
197 DIXWELL AVENUE
(Corner of Dixwell & Foote St.)

GEORGIANN 203-589-8737
GWEN 203-410-3067

Persons who qualify and reside in any participating partners' facility need to contact Resident Services to determine how the processing of applications is being handled this year. Residents residing in Section 8 Housing must apply with the New Haven Housing Authority. The Department of Elderly Services will not process applications for these residents. Put your documents in the secure lock box located at 360 Orange St. or **Contact LaToya McCrea at (203) 498-8800 X 1071** for more information.

RENT REBATE PREREQUISITES:

To apply in New Haven you must live in New Haven

You must be a Connecticut Resident for at least 1 year prior to applying

You must have rented in the previous year (2021)

Your 2020 income cannot exceed \$38,100 if you are single OR \$46,400 if you are married

You must be at least 65 years of age by December 31, 2021

OR

Be a disabled individual between the ages of 18 and 64

If you are considered disabled, you must provide proof of disability. Proof can be in the form of SSA-1099 showing Medicare deduction, SSA-1099 without Medicare but applicant is under 62 and the claim number is the same as the Social Security number, Award Letter from Social Security, TPQY, other proof from a federal state, municipal or other government related program deemed comparable to Social Security by the Office of Policy and Management.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

Photo ID – Spouse Photo ID (if applicable)

Social Security Number – Spouse Social Security Number (if applicable)

Copy of 2021 Federal Tax Return (if filed)

Copy of 2021 Yearly Income from all sources:

Wages, bonuses, commissions, gratuities, and fees; Self-Employment Net Income

Net Social Security (Box 5 of the SSA1099), Federal SSI Income

Dividends, Interest, and Annuities

Lottery Winnings

Pensions, Veteran's Pensions, Railroad Retirement

Net income from sale or rental of property

Worker's Compensation

Alimony

Any Other Source of Income

PROOF OF RENT and OTHER EXPENSES:

2021 Property Management Rental Ledger Printout

A letter from the landlord showing all rent paid in 2021. Include landlord's signature and phone number

12 Rent Receipts for 2021. Include landlord's signature and phone number

If the landlord is a relative you must provide the landlord's 2021 Federal Tax Return including Schedule E or C, whichever is applicable.

A 2021 statement of Utilities paid (UI, GAS, OIL or WATER) call utility company and request a statement.

**ALL OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED
TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION**

**DOCUMENTS CANNOT BE RETURNED
PROVIDE COPIES IF YOU NEED ORIGINALS**

***IF AN APPLICANT IS RENTING FROM A MEMBER
OF THEIR FAMILY***

OPM (Office of Policy Management) is aware, and has discovered under audit, that some elderly/totally disabled Renters Rebate applicants have claimed fraudulent rent expenses from family members when applying for the Renters Rebate Program.

Accordingly, OPM requires a high level of proof of actual rent payments. **The proof required in a family rental situation is a copy of the landlord's IRS Form 1040, along with the corresponding Schedule E or Schedule C,** whichever is applicable.

If the Renters Rebate applicant and/or landlord refuse to supply the required documents or if the documents are supplied but do not claim the rental income in question, **the applicant will not be eligible for a rebate.**

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR
RENT REBATE PAPERS

INCLUYA LO SIGUIENTE CON SUS PAPELES DE
DESCUENTO DE ALQUILER

NAME

NOMBRE

ADDRESS

DIRECCIÓN

TELEPHONE #

NUMERO DE TELÉFONO

BIRTH DATE

FECHA DE NACIMIENTO

SOCIAL SECURITY #
(COMPLETE)

NUMERO DE
SEGURIDAD SOCIAL
(COMPLETO)

SIGNATURE

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IF ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS MISSING
YOUR REBATE
WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

SI FALTA ALGUNA DE LA INFORMACIÓN
ANTERIOR, SU REEMBOLSO
NO SERÁ PROCESADO