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| **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**    *NeighborImpact offers COVID Rent Reliefprograms* |

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| **Central Oregon**- NeighborImpact’s COVID Rent Relief program is supporting Central Oregonians who cannot afford rent to due to circumstances related to COVID-19.  The coronavirus health crisis has had a huge economic impact on the nation. Individuals and families across the region have lost income and jobs as a result of the pandemic. While a moratorium on evictions has prevented homelessness for many, it has not eliminated or reduced the cost of rent, which continues to accumulate each month. When the moratorium lifts, many families will be facing eviction without the funds to pay several months’ worth of past due rent expenses. Through incredible investment by the Oregon Legislature’s Emergency Board and Oregon Housing and Community Services and federal CARES Act funding, NeighborImpact is able to help eliminatethe financial burden and stress with these rental assistance funds.  To be eligible to receive funds, households must reside in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties or the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs-AND- have income at or below 80% Area Median Income as defined by their county -AND- have lost a job or income due to COVID-19 -OR- have compromised health status, elevated risk of infection or vulnerability preventing them from regaining financial stability due to COVID-19.  80% Area Median Income per county (income before taxes):   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **1 Person** | **2 Person** | **3 Person** | **4 Person** | **5 Person** | **6 Person** | **7 Person** | **8 Person** | | **Crook County** | $34,400 | $39,300 | $44,200 | $49,100 | $53,050 | $57,000 | $60,900 | $64,850 | | **Deschutes County** | $42,950 | $49,050 | $55,200 | $61,300 | $66,250 | $71,150 | $76,050 | $80,950 | | **Jefferson County** | $34,400 | $39,300 | $44,200 | $49,100 | $53,050 | $57,000 | $60,900 | $64,850 | | **Warm Springs** | $34,400 | $39,300 | $44,200 | $49,100 | $53,050 | $57,000 | $60,900 | $64,850 |   NeighborImpact encourages anyone who needs help paying back rent or rent going forward or both to apply right away—even if you think that you may not qualify. Funds awarded will be paid directly to the landlord or property manager. Citizenship is not required to receive help; these funds will not create a public charge determination.  This program is one of many ways that NeighborImpact continues to support people and strengthen communities.  For more information or to apply for COVID Rent Relief, visit [*https://www.neighborimpact.org/covid-rent-relief/*](https://www.neighborimpact.org/covid-rent-relief/)*.*  *As an essential business providing essential services to disadvantaged individuals in Central Oregon, NeighborImpact will continue to serve all three counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Those needing assistance may access services via telephone and online or in person in Bend, Redmond and Madras.*  *For updates on NeighborImpact's response to COVID-19, visit:*[*https://www.neighborimpact.org/coronavirus-response/*](https://www.neighborimpact.org/coronavirus-response/)*.*  **About NeighborImpact:** NeighborImpact is a private non-profit governed by a board of directors drawn from across the community.  Since 1985, NeighborImpact has led the region in developing solutions and bringing resources to Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. We help meet the basic needs of Central Oregonians, build economic security and create a community where everyone thrives. NeighborImpact receives federal, state and local grants, foundation grants and donations from individuals and businesses in our community. To learn more about NeighborImpact please visit www.neighborimpact.org. |