



Connecticut Housing Authorities, Owners, **Notice:** OPRHS 20-011
Sponsors, and Management Companies of the State Sponsored Housing Portfolio

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Subject: Treatment of Payments made under Coronavirus Aid (CARES Act)

The State of Connecticut, Department of Housing is committed to taking critical steps to ensure that Owners/Agents who are managing the State Housing Portfolio receive necessary guidance and information to assist you during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

According to HUD Multifamily guidance, Federal Stimulus Income received as Coronavirus Aid payment up to \$1,200 (which is technically and advance tax credit) and the temporary \$600 per week federal enhancement to unemployment insurance provided by the CARES Act are **not** to be included in calculations of income to an individual who is an applicant for or recipient of benefits or services under any state or local program financed in whole or in part with state funds.

The Department of Housing is adopting this interpretation, and want to let you know that Owners/Agents who are managing the State Housing Portfolio, should follow this guidance. To be clear, you should not be counting the federal stimulus checks as income of residents when completing your annual recertifications.

Please remember, however, that any regular payments of unemployment insurance (issued by the State) are treated as income and not exempt by this guidance.

For the most up to date information from the State of Connecticut, as well as guidance and other resources visit ct.gov/coronavirus.