



RESPONDING TO COVID-19

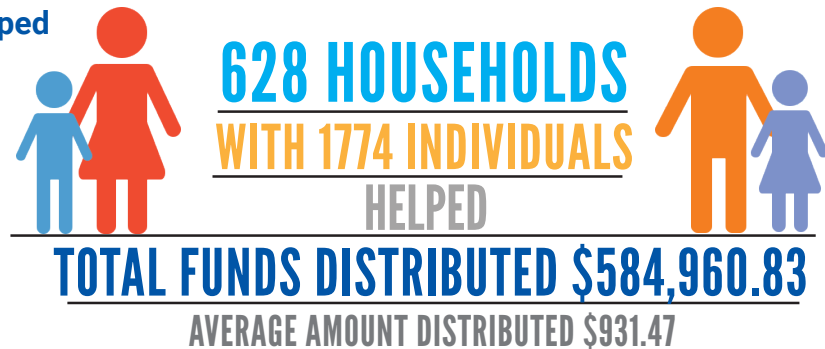
HOUSING STABILITY

Municipality of Anchorage 2020 Rental Assistance Response Fund June 15 - July 11, 2020

The coronavirus pandemic is delivering unprecedented economic challenges to thousands.

- Municipality of Anchorage unemployment rate as of May 2020 - 12.4%
- 39% of people with a household income below \$40,000 lost their jobs in March
- 45% of Anchorage households spend more than 30% of household income on housing pre COVID-19
- An Anchorage household needs 2.5 full-time minimum wage jobs to afford a 2-bedroom apartment

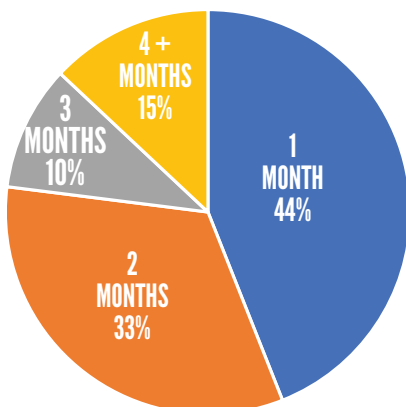
Anchorage residents helped



Who received help and why

RENT/MORTGAGE ARREARAGES

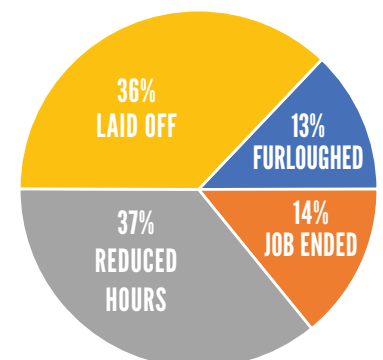
34% YES 66% NO



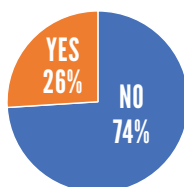
JOB SECTORS

ACCOMMODATION/FOOD SVCS	20%
ADMINISTRATIVE/WASTE SVCS	15%
TRANSPORTATION/WAREHOUSING	14%
HEALTH CARE	10%
RETAIL TRADE	10%
PROFESSIONAL/SCIENTIFIC/TECH	6%
OTHER	11%
UNREPORTED	14%

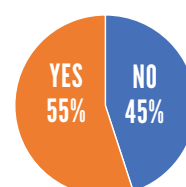
EMPLOYMENT STATUS



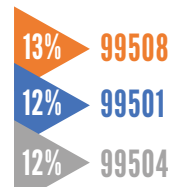
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE



UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS



TOP 3 ZIP CODES



Requests and service status

ANCHORAGE CALLS TO 2-1-1 FOR RENT/MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE 1,554

REFERRALS MADE FROM 2-1-1 FOR MOA RENTAL ASSISTANCE RESPONSE FUND 1,283

PAYMENT MADE
628

IN PROGRESS*
469

NO SHOW FOR APPT
7

UNABLE TO SERVE*
132

DENIED
47

*Pending appointments,
documentation

*2 attempts to reach
and no contact

LANGUAGES TRANSLATED: Laotian, Vietnamese, Spanish, Korean

INELIGIBLE FOR REFERRAL FROM 2-1-1 FOR MOA RENTAL ASSISTANCE RESPONSE FUND/UNMET NEED 274

From the front lines

These are some of our neighbors who received assistance from the MOA Rental Assistance Response Fund.

A barber with his own Spenard shop saw his business dwindle in the first days of the pandemic then shut down in March. After a reopening surge in April, he now only serves 2 - 3 customers day, not enough to make a living. He was stunned to receive a rental assistance check for \$1000 at Lutheran Social Services. He hadn't expected to show up, provide documentation and walk out with a check to his landlord in just 15 minutes. He thanked Joseph, then turned at the door and gave a wave, too choked up to say thanks again.

A single mom with a 15-year old daughter and a 26-year old son staying with her was working as a housekeeper when the pandemic slashed her workday from eight hours to three, then caused her layoff on April 24. Rent help means "a whole lot," she said. "The little bit of money we have, we buy food." She'll be 60 in October. "I don't wanna be homeless," she said.

Until the COVID-19 shutdown, this couple was doing all right. They'd moved to Anchorage from Kotlik seven years ago after he retired and began to receive Social Security. She worked in food services at Alaska Native Medical Center when the pandemic cut her hours. "This will help," she said of the \$1000 check for rent. She echoed the surprise of many Alaskans caught in the coronavirus shutdown. "I never thought we'd fall behind on our bills."

