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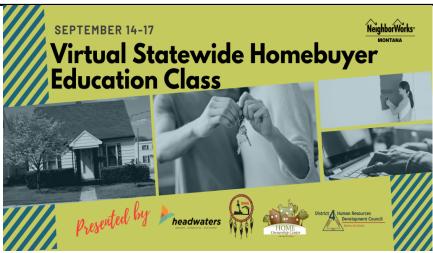


NWMT Lunch and Learn Wednesday, September 16 12:00 to 12:30 PM

REGISTER HERE!

We invite you to a lunch and learn opportunity for lenders and realtors across the state. Are you new to your lending institution or real estate office? Are you just beginning to hear about NeighborWorks Montana (NWMT) and all that we have to offer?

Join staff from NeighborWorks Montana to get a quick overview of what NWMT does, who we serve and how we can help your clients achieve their dream of finding a home that they can afford.



NeighborWorks Montana is hosting a virtual statewide homebuyer education course next week! We will be joined by partner organizations who will be leading the sections throughout the course, giving valuable statewide perspective. Topics will include: Assessing Homeownership Readiness with Budget & Credit, Financing a Home, Shopping for a Home, and Maintaining a Home and Finances.

The four sessions will be held September 14-17 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Registration is required. If clients complete all four sessions and have a one-on-one with a housing counselor, they will be issued a certificate of completion. However, clients are not required to complete all four days. They are welcome to join for the topics that most interest them to gather pertinent information but will not be issued a certificate.

Cost for the series is \$35 (up to two people). For more information and to access the registration, please have them visit nwmt.org/virtual-HBE. If you have questions, reach out to NWMT Housing Network Assistant, Logan Smith, lsmith@nwmt.org.





Emergency Housing Assistance Program

If you have clients who are having difficulty paying their rent or mortgage due to COVID-related loss of income, please urge them to apply for the Emergency Housing Assistance Program through the state of Montana.

The Emergency Housing Assistance Program, offered by the state of Montana through COVID relief funds, can provide rent, security deposit, mortgage payment assistance, and/or hazard insurance for Montanans who have lost a job or substantial income due to COVID-19.



Applicants may be eligible for up to \$2,000 per month. The program pays 25% of the difference between the household's monthly net income and their eligible housing costs.



Applicants may be eligible for this program even if they have now returned to work or regained income. The program is focused on the time they experienced the most impact from COVID and extends back to April 1, 2020.



Annual income limits range up to \$125,000 based on family size.



Applicants can find more information and get started with the application at **nwmt.org/covidrelief**.



NeighborWorks Montana is offering statewide support to renters and homeowners needing assistance applying for the program. If you, or someone you know, qualifies for the Emergency Housing Assistance Program but has either been previously denied or is having difficulty filling out the application, please contact NeighborWorks Montana at covidrelief@nwmt.org or 406-604-4500.



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