Renting assistance program coming soon to eligible residents

Milwaukee renters could soon participate in a rental assistance program to provide relief for those negatively impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, according to Alderman Khalif J. Rainey.

The Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program (W.R.A.P.) was announced by Governor Tony Evers last week and is geared to help those hurting financially by the pandemic’s massive economic effects (brought about by the Safer-at-Home quarantine orders to prevent further spread of the deadly virus).

Alderman Rainey said Community Action Agencies (CAAs) have been given the responsibility of administering the funding for the W.R.A.P., and the agencies are expected to begin processing applications for the program on or about June 8. The Social Development Commission (SDC) is the CAA agency responsible for Milwaukee County and has also been assigned distribution in Washington and Ozaukee Counties.

Alderman Rainey said SDC and other agencies will be training next week to be in position to begin processing the applications and administering the program.

“I know people are really hurting right now, and SDC will be asking for patience as the demand for this program is expected to be huge,” Alderman Rainey said.

“If you need help paying rent or obtaining a security deposit to secure housing, you may qualify for assistance from W.R.A.P.,” the alderman said.

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To apply, here’s what citizens should do:

1. Complete the electronic inquiry form located at www.cr-sdc.org. Please be sure to complete the requested information including your best contact number and county where you live.

2. Look for SDC to begin making calls to applicants during the week of June 8th.

3. Please check the website regularly for updates.

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