

How to cover your rent

(Ideas from the United Way)

If you are having trouble paying your rent, below are some tips to help you take control of the situation and keep a roof over your head.

- **Communicate with your landlord:** If you know that you are unable to pay your rent, communication with your landlord is key. Explain your situation in writing. If possible, offer to make a late or partial payment on a specified date (and make sure that you are able to keep your word). If you are a good tenant then it is likely that your landlord would rather work with you than find a new tenant.

- **Seek out free legal advice:** Many communities have free legal assistance that provide advice and sometimes mediation between you and your landlord.

- **Utilize 211.org:** Through 211.org or by dialing 211 you can learn about rental assistance programs in your area.

- **Make use of social services:** Apply for other sources of support like food stamps to free up funds to pay your rent.

- **Access short-term assistance - www.lastaterent.com**

- **Salvation Army:** The Salvation Army offers special one-time assistance to help you pay your rent.
- **Catholic Charities:** Catholic Charities has emergency assistance grants that can help you to pay your rent.
- **Modest Needs:** Modest Needs offers Self Sufficiency Grants of up to \$1,000 to cover one emergency expense.
- **Local Housing Authorities:** These agencies may keep lists of local short-term rental assistance resources.

Get your copy of the above at www.datakik.com/Forms/RentAssistance or scan the code below.

