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Community Action Agency to Suspend Applications for Rental Assistance

[Cincinnati, Ohio] August 24, 2022 – The Community Action Agency (CAA) will take a pause on accepting new applications for rental assistance. The program, which has run since February 2021, has helped over 7,000 households in Hamilton County and expended more than \$30 million to keep families in their homes. CAA still has funding for rental assistance through the end of December. With this remaining funding, we will assist thousands in our pipeline with pending applications.

“This has not been an easy decision because we know that the need is still great, we are receiving applications daily and folks are still coming into our building asking for help for the first time,” explains Mark B. Lawson, President/CEO. “We need to be realistic about our remaining funds and how we can assist those who have been waiting to get help.”

CAA has received an additional \$3 million in funding from the City of Cincinnati, and hopes to receive at least an additional \$9.1 million from the state ERA2 fund, those funds have not been confirmed by the state at this time. Depending on how much additional funding we receive from the state, we may only be able to help those families in currently in the pipeline.

Although the rental assistance program will be on pause, there are still opportunities for families to receive assistance. CAA offers help with utilities through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), assistance for homeowners (mortgage, property taxes, and utilities), career readiness, Head Start and the Food Pantry. For more information about this and other supportive services, visit the Community Action Agency website, cincy-caa.org.

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