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HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP Senior/Widowed/Disabled Residents Economic Recovery Payment Program (American Rescue Plan Act Funded)

Haverford Township is proud to introduce the Senior/Widowed/Disabled Residents Economic Recovery Payment Program which will offer a \$500 one-time economic recovery payment to Haverford Township residents who also qualified for and received the 2022 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate in 2023. The Commonwealth program eligibility criteria is described on the attached Summary provided by the Commonwealth.

The Township program is limited to one rebate per household with a maximum outlay of \$302,500. The program will open May 1, 2023 and **close April 1, 2024**. Applications may be submitted via email to finance@havtwp.org or mailed/dropped off at the Haverford Township Administration building, 1014 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19083. All rebate applications must be received (or postmarked) by 4pm **April 1, 2024**.

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis and refunds will be processed on a monthly basis. Applications must include both of the following to be considered complete:

1. Completed application
2. Copy of 2022 Property Tax/Rent Rebate check from the Commonwealth of PA showing receipt in 2023 OR a "Where's My Refund" print out from the Commonwealth's website showing actual issuance of a payment to you in 2023 (not solely processing of a payment).

Program Notes:

- If you have any questions regarding eligibility and filing of the 2022 Commonwealth of PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate application, please contact your local state representative as that is a state program and their staff members are available for assistance with filings. Representative Vitali's office can be reached at 610-789-3900 or Sen Cappalletti's office at 610-896-2832 .
- If you have any questions pertaining to the status of your Township application or regarding the issuance/timing of Township Rebate payments, please contact the Township Finance Department at 610-446-1000.

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- Appeals: If the Township deems an application for this program to be ineligible or incomplete and rejects the application, any applicant deemed ineligible shall have the right to appeal said decision. An applicant will have 30 days to appeal the decision with a written appeal to the Board of Commissioners. All appeals shall follow the provisions of 2 Pa.C.S.A. Chapter 5. Subchapter B (relating to practice and procedure of local agencies), and 2 Pa.C.S.A. Chapter 7. Subchapter B (relating to judicial review of local agency action), also known as the "Local Agency Law."
- Program Extension: If the Township has NOT awarded the maximum of \$302,500 in economic incentive payments by **April 1, 2024**, the Board of Commissioners may extend the program by way of a vote at an advertised public meeting.

HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP
Senior/Widowed/Disabled
Resident Economic Recovery
Payment Program
Payment Application
(American Rescue Plan Act Funded)

Name of Applicant

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Names of Other People Living in Household

Contact email

Contact phone #

Applicant Certification:

By applying for this funding, applicant certifies that they have read and understand the program and eligibility criteria as described on page 1 of this application. Applicant further certifies that the person whose signature appears below was a resident of Haverford Township as of December 31, 2022 and has received a 2022 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate payment in 2023 from the Commonwealth. Applicant also acknowledges that these monies are funded through the American Recovery Plan Act for the purpose of promoting economic recovery sustained by disproportionately disadvantaged groups as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applicant Signature

Applicant Name (Printed)

Date of Application



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PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM



The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters. Claimants may exclude half of their Social Security income.

In addition, federal Civil Service Retirement System benefit recipients may exclude 50% of the average annual Social Security benefit amount from their total eligibility income and veterans with federal veterans' disability payments or state veterans' payments may exclude 100% of those payments. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975.



For more information about the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, please visit revenue.pa.gov/PTRR.

Who can file for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate?

Property Tax/Rent Rebates are based on property taxes or rent paid the previous calendar year.

AGE

- ✓ You or your spouse must have been at least 65 years old as of Dec. 31 of the claim year; or
- ✓ You were a widow or widower during all or part of the claim year and must have been 50 years or older as of Dec. 31; or
- ✓ You were permanently disabled during all or part of the claim year, 18 years or older during the claim year and were unable to work because of a medically determined physical or mental disability. If you applied for Social Security Disability and were denied benefits, you are not eligible for a rebate as a disabled claimant.

OWN or RENT

You must have owned and occupied a home or rented and occupied a home, apartment, nursing home, boarding home or similar residence in Pennsylvania during the period for which you claim the rebate.

Homeowners must have paid property taxes prior to applying. Renters must verify their landlords were required to pay property taxes or made payments in lieu of property taxes on rental properties.

INCOME

	INCOME	MAX. REBATE
HOMEOWNERS 	\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
	\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500
	\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$300
	\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$250
RENTERS 	INCOME	MAX. REBATE
	\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
	\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500

Remember to exclude one-half of Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income and/or Tier 1 Railroad Retirement benefits when calculating total household eligibility income. 🏠

When is the deadline to apply?

Applications must be postmarked by June 30. The PA-1000 booklet, used to apply for rebates, is available in late February at www.revenue.pa.gov or by calling, toll-free, 1-888-222-9190. Once you qualify for your first rebate, the department will automatically send you an application the next year unless you prepared and filed your claim using computer software. If you used software for a rent rebate, the department will send you a copy of the rent certificated for the next year to complete and provide with your software completed claim form. Rebate checks are mailed beginning July 1 each year. 🏠



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Can I file a claim for someone who has recently died?

Beginning with claim year 2013, property tax and rent rebate claims may now be filed on behalf of claimants who die during a claim year by surviving spouses, personal representatives or estates. See the PA-1000 booklet for additional information. 📄

What documents can I use as proof of age?

The department will accept copies of birth certificates; Blue Cross 65 Special Cards; church baptismal records; hospital birth records; driver's licenses or PA Identification Cards; naturalization papers (if age is shown); military discharge papers (if age is shown); Medicare cards; PACE/PACENET cards; and passports. Please do not submit original documents. 📄

What documents can I use as proof of income?

The department will accept as proof of income copies of federal or state income tax returns (including schedules) for the claim year and/or copies of forms 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-R, W-2 or any document providing the source and type of income as may be necessary. If the address you provided the Social Security Administration was a PA address, you do not need to submit proof of your Social Security retirement and Supplemental Security benefits. 📄

What do I need to include with my form to claim a Property Tax/Rent Rebate?

HOMEOWNERS

You need to provide proof the taxes were paid for the year claimed. If you cannot provide a receipted copy of your property tax bill, the department will accept a copy of the tax bill, along with a copy of both sides of the cancelled check used to pay your taxes.

If your name does not appear on the tax bills, proof of ownership must be submitted. Examples include a copy of the deed, trust, will or decree of distribution. If the address is not on the receipted bill or mortgage statement, you must also submit a letter from your tax collector or mortgage company verifying your home address.

RENTERS

If you are claiming a rent rebate, you must provide proof of the rent you paid. You will need a PA rent certificate for each place in which you resided during the claim year, signed by the landlord or the landlord's authorized agent.

If a landlord's signature cannot be obtained, you must complete and submit a notarized Rental Occupancy Affidavit.

If you are not able to provide a rent certificate or notarized statement, you may submit rent receipts. The landlord or his/her authorized agent must sign each rent receipt showing your name and rented address, the amount of the rent you paid and the time period for which the rent was paid. You must submit receipts for all months you claim. Please do not submit rent receipts if submitting rent certificates or notarized statements.



SUPPLEMENTAL PROPERTY TAX REBATES

Now that slots gaming is funding statewide general property tax relief for all Pennsylvania homeowners, supplemental property tax rebates are available to homeowners through the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program. These supplemental rebates are automatically calculated by Revenue and are awarded to qualifying low-income seniors who live in Philadelphia, Scranton, Pittsburgh and other parts of the state with particularly high tax burdens. Supplemental rebates may increase base rebates up to \$975.

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE INFO
1-888-222-9190

ONLINE CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER
revenue.pa.gov

If you qualify for PTRR, you may also be eligible for the PACE/PACENET low-cost prescription drug program.
Toll-Free 1-800-225-7223