Hello Everyone,

 I have some great news regarding assistance for those affected by COVID-19: We are extending our modified eligibility requirements from December 31, 2021 to March 31, 2022 - AND - we are allowing those who have already received assistance during the pandemic to be eligible to receive assistance a second time between now and March 31, 2022.

 This modification is in bold below along with our previously modified eligibility criteria:

* **If an applicant's need is related to COVID-19 and they have already received COVID-related assistance, they are now eligible to receive Season of Sharing Fund assistance a second time between September 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022.**
* If applicants have received assistance once in the five years previous to March 2020, they may be eligible to receive assistance again during the period that the Season of Sharing Fund's COVID-19 criteria are in effect.
* Rent/mortgage does not have to be delinquent -- eligible applicants who have been affected directly or indirectly by COVID-19 can apply for Season of Sharing Fund assistance with rent/mortgage for the months going forward.
* Requirement for sustainability going forward is waived for those who lost their source of income due to COVID-19 -- eligible applicants who lost their job, lost work or lost their source of income can be eligible for Season of Sharing Fund assistance.

You will also remember that **assistance of up to $5,000**may be provided to applicants regardless of the number of months of rent/mortgage the assistance will provide. For those applying for COVID-related assistance a second time, they are eligible for another $5,000 in assistance.

Please **inform your colleagues and partner agencies** of the change and extension of these criteria to March 31, 2022.

If you have any question, please let me know.

I hope you all have a fantastic long holiday weekend.

Thanks,

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If you have any questions please let me know

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