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EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Community Investment Corporation of Decatur, Inc. collaborates with the Illinois Housing Development Authority to assist individuals and families with COVID-19 related Emergency Mortgage Assistance for five county area in central Illinois.

The Community Investment Corporation of Decatur (CICD) is again collaborating with the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) to connect citizens to emergency mortgage assistance applications beginning Monday, August 24, 2020. CICD is utilizing current staff and additional contract workers to outreach and work with individuals and families in need of COVID-19 related emergency mortgage assistance in DeWitt, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt and Shelby counties.

To help mortgagees across Illinois, Governor Pritzker has made \$150 million dollars available for a one-time mortgage assistance payment to individuals and families up to \$15,000 due to COVID-19. The completion of an application is not a guarantee of assistance. CICD staff are available to assist individuals with navigating and completing the application process by phone or in-person as needed. **The application portal is open from August 24, 2020 until September 4, 2020 and is available to access at www.ema.ihda.org.** To receive assistance with the application process, please call **1-866-316-1104** and an operator will request specific intake information and a CICD staff member will follow up to explain details of the program and complete the application if eligible.

“As we continue to work with rental assistance applicants through the extended timeframe of Friday, August 28, 2020 at 12pm, CICD is honored to partner again with IHDA to begin focusing on assistance for those having difficulty paying their mortgage due to the impact of COVID-19”, says James Seaberg, CICD President. “We are committed to doing all we can to keep individuals and families in their homes and we hope this program can reach and assist those in need.”

The Community Investment Corporation of Decatur, Inc. is a non-profit organization located at 1059 W. Main St., Decatur, IL 62522. Learn more at www.cicdecatur.com