



**Quad Cities COVID-19 Coalition
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Current COVID-19 case count

Scott County – 2 new cases for a total of 218

Rock Island County – 20 new cases for a total of 402. 19 patients are in the hospital

Household assistance

Remarks from Cecelia Bailey, executive director of the Quad Cities Open Network-HUB

Thank you to the Scott and Rock Island County health departments for working together to provide consistent guidance and direction for our community and for inviting me today.

The Quad Cities Open Network would like to share how households in the Quad Cities can access emergency funds during the COVID-19 pandemic and how health and human services agencies can tap into these resources to help the families they assist.

The Quad Cities Open Network, or QCON, is grateful for grants received from the Disaster Recovery Fund via the Quad Cities Community Foundation, as well as the Regional Development Authority, the Moline Foundation, the Doris and Victor Day Foundation, and the Rock Island Community Foundation to assist individuals in the Quad Cities with emergent needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic through our Supplemental Emergency Assistance Program, or SEAP.

Households are facing a multitude of issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic; it is difficult to navigate resources available. QCON is a network of more than 60 health and human services agencies working together to support the well-being of the greater Quad Cities. As such, QCON is able to act as a Hub, or central entity, to coordinate the efforts of member agencies who interface with Quad-Citizens experiencing significant challenges due to COVID-19.

What can the funds be used for?

These are flexible dollars that may be used to address immediate needs of getting food, medical supplies, care, housing/shelter, etc. that have become compromised or at risk due to the pandemic. The funding is for direct assistance or support for individuals in crisis. Member agencies will work with households to assess and determine their needs.

How Individuals and Households can access Emergency Funds

Individuals can access emergency funds through our member agencies. We encourage individuals who already have a connection to a health or human service agency to reach out to

that agency if they are experiencing a need. A full list of our members can be found on our website <https://www.qcopennetwork.org/>. You may contact us at 309-796-6766 or theopennetworkqc@gmail.com.

If you do not know where to start, we encourage Quad Citizens on the Illinois side to contact Project Now at 309-793-6391 to be connected to a case manager. Quad Citizens on the Iowa side can contact Community Action of Eastern Iowa at 563-324-3236, or through their website at www.caeiowa.org.

How to become a QCON-SEAP member

Health and human service agencies who are not yet connected to SEAP but would like to access emergency dollars for the households they serve should contact Isabel Watts at iwatts@qcopennetwork.org for more information.

The Quad Cities Open Network is here to connect you to the resources you need. This coordinated effort helps address needs quickly, efficiently and maximizes the use of dollars to priority needs.

Davenport rental assistance

Remarks from Bruce Berger, Director Community and Economic Development for the City of Davenport

The City of Davenport is offering a program that can help renters who have experienced loss of income because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Successful applicants can receive up to \$1,000 in rental assistance per month for up to three months. Program requirements include:

- Must be Davenport renter in good standing as of March 1 with a lease
- Must have occupied current rental unit since at least Jan. 1, 2020
- Must have lost 50 percent or more of household income due to COVID-19
- Must have either filed for unemployment or employer verifies the reduction in income
- Current household income must be at or below 60 percent of median family income

To apply, visit Davenportiowa.com/TBRA to request an application or you can pick up applications in the lobby of Office of Assisted Housing, Heritage Building, 501 W. 3rd St., Davenport, Iowa 52801. Applications are not available at Davenport City Hall because it is closed to the public.

Applications can be emailed to CPED.info@davenportiowa.com or can be dropped off or mailed to the address above. For more information, call 563-888-3424.

Review of applications will begin May 1. Funding will be available until it is exhausted.

More information and video

- www.TogetherQC.com
- Flattening the Curve Resource: <https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america>
- Together Quad Cities: Keep Staying Home video: <https://youtu.be/GG0hRvJ0So>
- IDPH COVID-19 PSA (television): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvsF02uCM-M&feature=youtu.be>
- IDPH COVID-19 PSA (radio): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xznWLKeZO3E&feature=youtu.be>

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