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### **OWCAP Receives \$1.26 million in Rental Assistance Funds to Distribute in Weber County**

The Ogden Weber Community Action Partnership (OWCAP) has been awarded \$1.26 million from the State of Utah to provide rental assistance to those who are directly impacted by COVID-19 in Weber County. The money has been dispersed through a series of four grants and OWCAP has already cut 53 checks with \$63,000 already out in the community to help residents pay their rent. These grants are only to help residents who have had trouble paying their rent due to COVID-related issues such as job loss, job furlough, loss of hours or illness due to COVID.

Jordan Barrett is the Community Support Manager for OWCAP and he and his team walk applicants through the process. Barrett acknowledges that the process may seem daunting at first because the screening process can be complex, but one of the advantages OWCAP has is they have the skills intact to help applicants complete all parts of the process to be eligible for funding. OWCAP Housing Coordinators guide applicants through the unemployment application process if they haven't started that yet, which is a key element of the application process. "Each grant has requirements for qualifying and limitations, but OWCAP is helping to navigate that," Barrett said. "The biggest thing I can say is, don't assume you won't qualify. The assessment will help find the right program for each individual," Barrett added.

Community Action Agencies throughout the state have been selected as agents to disperse the funds because they already have many of the processes to find potential applicants in place to



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receive funding. While the Weber Housing Authority has received some funds, OWCAP is administering most of the funds for Weber County. “We provide quality wrap-around services, and adding rental assistance program fits our mission of elevating individuals and families by improving self-sufficiency through services and collaboration ,” Chris Ipsen, OWCAP’s Executive Director said of the rental assistance grants.

The first of the four grants were received by OWCAP in May and the other three have come over the course of the last two months.

There is also some help with the grant monies for those who are underinsured or uninured in need mental health services. OWCAP is partnering with the Midtown Clinic to provide counseling services to residents who may qualify.

To complete an assessment or find out more information about the rental assistance programs, contact OWCAP at 801-399-9281, extension 998. When calling, residents can leave their information and a housing coordinator will contact them and go through the assessment process.

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