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I am writing to comment on the Housing Assistance and Eviction Prevention RFP before the CSC this evening.

Please prioritize services for individuals facing eviction/housing challenges. Assuming the federal government gets their act together and provides additional funding, it looks like it will be focused on funds to help pay back rent etc. The local government's money can best be used to help people access federal funds, to understand their options and negotiate with landlords. Capacity building to help local residents use federal funding could increase the total support available, and decrease the number of people displaced during the pandemic.

Thank you

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Hello:

I am emailing regarding the COVID Relief Fund RFP item on the Community Services Committee meeting agenda for this evening. I am requesting that the RFP process prioritize services for tenants facing eviction, such as paying for staff and equipment (tablets, computers) to help tenants facing eviction access their Zoom eviction proceedings. Some tenants don't have access to a computer or cell phone that will let them participate in their own Zoom eviction proceedings. Staff is also needed to help tenants understand and navigate the eviction process. It is a confusing process and having someone to help people navigate the process is invaluable. The services already out there -- Legal Action and Tenant Resource Center -- are wonderful, but they don't have the funding and resources to meet the demand. In this pandemic time, when having somewhere to live is important to staying healthy, this help is vital. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

--Marilyn Feil

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