

UPDATE - COUNTY'S ONE-TIME ONLY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

EXPANDED

The application deadline for Cook County's new Homeowner Relief Fund, under which some applicants can receive property tax rebates of \$1,000, has been extended to October 31. In addition, more people are now eligible for the program, as the tax increase needed to qualify has been reduced from 50% to 30%. The new Eligibility Requirements are:

1. Owners of single-family homes, condominiums or small apartment buildings must have experienced a year-over-year property tax increase of 30% or more in tax year 2021 (paid in 2022), tax year 2022 (paid in 2023), or tax year 2023 (paid in 2024).
2. The combined 2024 income for all members of the applicant's household cannot exceed the Area Median Income. For a single person, the maximum income is \$84,000, and it is \$119,900 for a family of four.
3. The property must be the primary residence of the applicant.

The Homeowner Relief Fund only has enough money to issue rebates to 13,600 households in Cook County. Since it is expected that there will be more than 13,600 households eligible for the program, a lottery will determine who among the qualifying households will receive the rebate.

Taxpayers interested in applying can do so online at <https://hrf.cookcountyil.gov/apply>. Taxpayers may also call BREMEN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR'S office at 708-333-1591 to ask questions about the program and to get help applying for it.

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