

In June of 2020 we received a reach out from a former client whom had gotten out of a DV living situation, earlier in the beginning of the year. She was successful in obtaining a new living arrangement in a new housing situation that she shared the costs of rent / utilities with a roommate that was a student. When the world experienced the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and many places were forced to shut down due to executive orders she lost her roommate, as school stopped & the roommate lost her job. The roommate moved out, and back in with her family. The client struggled to find a new roommate, to help her with her rent/ utilities. The roommate candidates that she was able to find, were incompatible with the landlord, or afraid of moving in and being around someone due to fear of contracting the covid-19 virus.

The client was unable to afford the \$900 rent plus utilities on her own income. She was forced to give notice and look for more affordable housing she could sustain for her and her children on her income or possibly have to return back to her abuser, who had a home. She did not have time to plan, or save for the deposit as she had only been in the house less than half a year when all the stuff with the covid-19 and roommate moving out happened so quickly and unexpectedly. She reached out to us to see if there were any resources that we may know of that may be available to help her with the deposit amount to get into a new apartment she could afford. Normally we would not have extra funding to help with this, we would refer clients to other resources within the community such as KLCAS. The Klamath & Lake Counties Community Action Services - but usually when a client calls that is at minimum wait of a few weeks out to the appointment. But this happened when everything was forced to close to public, and everything was drastically slowed down, and processes altered in some way to accommodate the newly implemented covid-19 restrictions. but this just happened to be around the time we received this covid funding. So, we were able to immediately get an application into my director, and get approval to quickly help this victim.

With the covid housing assistance moneys we were able to help her with the deposit money to move into her home. And extra support of a \$200 per month subsidy to help with her rent up until the December of 2020. And also, extra support of an additional \$200 during the 2020 to go towards her Electric bill. This extra relief and support were able to help client sustain her housing and a life free from the domestic violence she was experiencing prior.