

Lending & Education News



January 13, 2023 the Montana Department of Commerce announced that the Montana Emergency Rental Assistance (MERA) program would stop accepting new applications on January 20, 2023. The program will continue accepting continuing assistance applications as long as funding allows. This decision was made in anticipation of limited federal funding supporting the Emergency Rental Assistance effort in Montana.

With the unexpected change of this program, we thought it would be helpful to offer a few alternative resources for anyone who could benefit from housing support.

Housing Stability Services (HSS) is a program being offered through Human Resource Development agencies statewide. HSS supports people who are housing instable and may be in crisis by connecting them with a Housing Navigator. Housing Navigators are able to connect people with community resources, as well as develop a housing plan to take steps toward housing stability.

Housing Stability Counseling Program (HSCP) is available through NeighborWorks Montana counseling partners. While HSS is available to help people through crisis and into more stable housing, HSCP focuses on financial independence to ensure stability is maintained. HSCP financial coaches can help clients budget and plan for their current and future needs. HSCP also offers foreclosure counseling support for homeowners who are struggling to pay their mortgage. This program is available to anyone in Montana, regardless of income level. Visit nwmt.org/housing-stability-counseling for more information.



The graphic features a background image of a town with mountains in the distance. On the left, a dark grey vertical bar contains the text "2023 Montana Housing Partnership Conference" in white, followed by "May 15-17, 2023 Helena, MT" in a white box, and the website "mthousingpartnership.org" in white. At the bottom left is the Montana Housing Partnership logo, which is a circular emblem with a house icon and icons for a person, a person with a cane, and a person with a wheelchair. The text "MONTANA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP" is written around the emblem.

Registration Opens Soon!

Registration for the 2023 Montana Housing Partnership Conference will open March 8th at 9am!

This year's conference will be held May 15-17 in Helena. Visit mthousingpartnership.org for more details.

[Visit Website](http://mthousingpartnership.org)

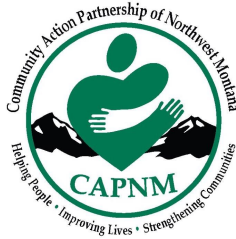


Last Call for Sponsorships!

There are still sponsorship opportunities available for this year's housing conference! The deadline to commit is March 27th with ads and payments due March 31st. Learn more at

UPCOMING HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASSES

[Logos link to registration information](#)



March 4 (full-day Saturday class)
In-person class
CAPNM, Kalispell
(406) 206-3419



March 11 (full-day Saturday class)
March 20 & 27 (5:30-9:00pm each evening)
Virtual classes
HRDC 9, Bozeman
(406) 585-4895



March 11 (full-day Saturday class)
In-person class
HRDC 7, Billings
(406) 206-3419



March 14-16 (6:00-9:00pm each evening)
Virtual class
Homeward, Missoula
(406) 532-4663



March 15-16 (5:00-9:00pm each evening)
In-person class
NeighborWorks Great Falls
(406) 761-5861



March 20 & 27 (5:30-8:30pm each evening)
In-person class
SMDC, Lewistown
(406) 535-2591



March 21-23 (5:30-8:30pm each evening)
Virtual class
RMDC, Helena
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