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### **Ionia MSU Extension Staff to Assist Clients with Applying for Financial Assistance Through MIHAF for Pandemic-related Hardships**

If you, or someone you know, is a homeowner that has experienced a hardship associated with the coronavirus pandemic that began on or after January 21, 2020 or experienced a coronavirus pandemic financial hardship that began before January 21, 2020 but continued after that date, contact the Ionia County MSU Extension office at (616) 527-5357. You may be eligible for up to \$25,000 MIHAF assistance per household on your primary residence. As a MSHDA approved counseling agency with a HUD Certified counselor on staff, the Ionia954 County MSU Extension office is equipped to assist clients, who qualify, in applying for financial assistance from the State of Michigan's Homeowner Assistance Fund (MIHAF). The Homeowner's Assistance Fund was established under section 3206 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the ARP).

MIHAF will disburse directly to the lender, servicer or service provide for eligible items, such as:

- Delinquent mortgage/housing expenses, escrow shortages, and corporate advances,
- Delinquent land contract payments, mobile home consumer loan payments or contracted park lot payments,
- Property taxes,
- Condominium/homeowners' association fees,
- Homeowner's insurances, hazard, flood, or mortgage insurance,
- Utilities, gas, electric, water, sewer and,
- Internet broadband services.

To learn more about MIHAF, visit the State of Michigan website at [MSHDA MIHAF Program](#)

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