

Begin your application by going to macchconnect.org. It is helpful to review the instructional videos and FAQs before beginning the application process.





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OVERVIEW OF THE APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS

After completing the initial application which also acts an eligibility screen, the tenant will receive a general email with instructions and another email within 2 business days to set up their Connect portal. The Connect portal contains additional documents required as part of the application packet. The tenant will have several days to complete their portions of the rest of the application and upload verification documents. They are not required to provide any income statements or other documentation to their property owner/manager, that information will be provided directly to us through the tenant's completion of the application packet.

If a tenant has no access to a computer, tablet, smartphone, or internet they may complete the initial portion of the application over the phone by calling 211. In approximately 7-10 business days, a specialist will reach out to the tenant to complete the rest of the application packet. Please note that it may take longer to complete the full application packet when it must be completed over the phone.

After the first part of the application and the fund request are completed, an email will be sent to you as the property owner/manager for your portion to complete. Your email will include a record ID, the tenant's name, and address with a link to complete the Landlord Verification Form. The Landlord Verification Form will require verification of the amount requested by the tenant, a copy of the lease, and a ledger or statement showing the amount owed and for which months.

If you have not already completed a Landlord Profile, you must do so at this time. The Landlord Profile only has to be completed one time for each business entity or property owner. The Landlord Profile includes information about your business including information you would report on a W-9. If you have provided us with a W-9 in the past or received other assistance funds from us in the past, you STILL must complete the Landlord Profile in order to receive any rental assistance payments.

All rental assistance payments are considered income to you, just as if your tenant was paying you directly. In 2022, you will receive an IRS Form 1099 reporting the amount you have received from our organization in 2021.

A specialist will begin reviewing the application packet in approximately 5-7 business days. If all information is provided, there will likely be minimal or no direct contact from the specialist. If the required information has not been provided or there are questions about anything in the application packet, the specialist will reach out to the tenant and/or property owner/manager in approximately 7-10 business days or the tenant and property owner/manager will be sent reminders to complete the application packet. This communication may occur via phone, text, or email. You should monitor your spam or junk folders to ensure you are receiving email communications.

If you have a question about your tenant's application, you may contact 211 who can look up the record and provide a general status update. If the 211 operator is unable to answer a specific question, they will provide your contact information to a specialist who will then follow up with you. 211 can also provide general technical assistance and answer questions about eligibility. However, they will not be available to complete landlord specific forms over the phone. The property owner/manager portions of the application must be completed online.

SUPPORTED BROWSERS AND INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

Please ensure that you have a stable internet connection to complete the application. The online application supports the use of mobile and tablet-based devices and browsers. Each form must be submitted to be saved. Incomplete forms that are not submitted will not be available and are not saved. For an optimal browsing experience, we suggest using the latest public release of the following web browsers. Internet Explorer is not supported and should not be used to complete the application forms.

- Google Chrome (Use Google Chrome for the best experience)
- Mozilla Firefox
- Microsoft Edge
- · Apple Safari

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In the future, property owners and managers will be able to initiate an application on behalf of their tenant. Additional instructions will be added to this document when that option becomes available.

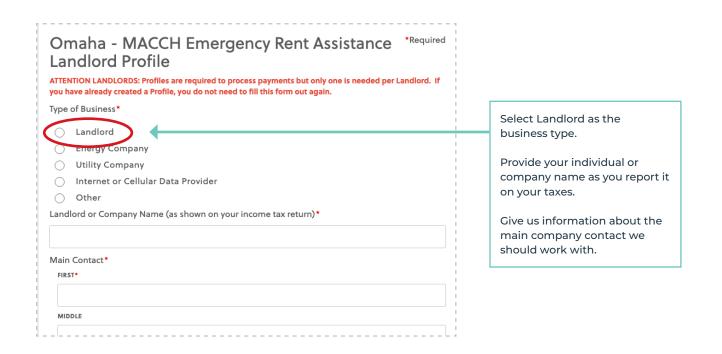
COMPLETE THE LANDLORD PROFILE

As a property owner, property manager, or landlord, you must complete each of your sections online. Go to **macchconnect.org** and click on **Property Owners & Landlords** in the navigation and it will take you to the section with information for property owners, property managers, or landlords. You only have to complete this profile one time. If you have multiple legal business entities that will be receiving payments, please complete a Landlord Profile for each. Please note that if we have questions about your business or rental property, we may also verify ownership with the Douglas County Assessor or contact you with additional questions.

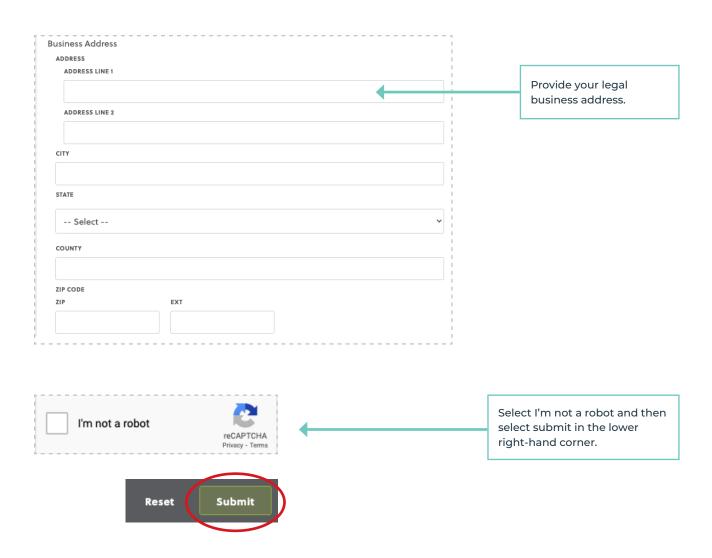


Select the Landlord Profile box.





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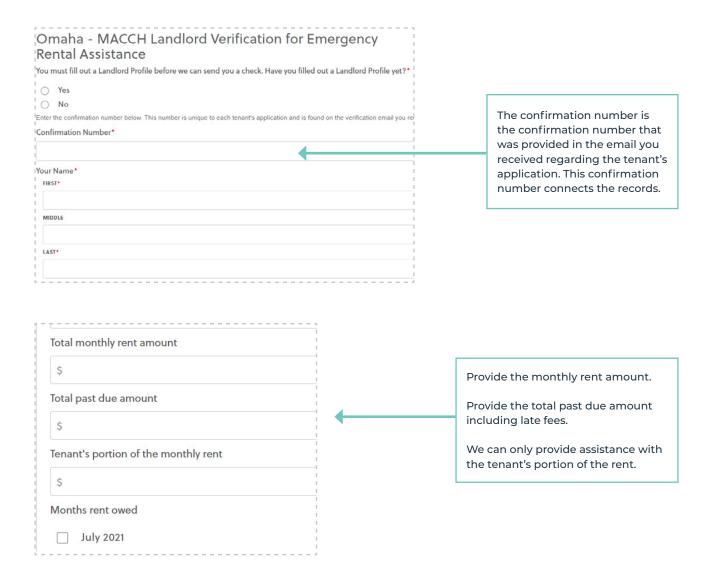
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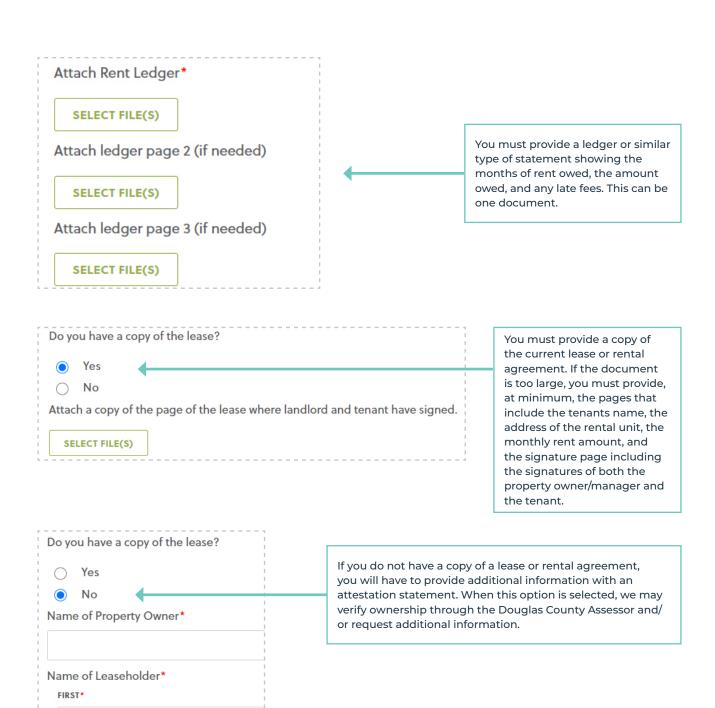
After your tenant has completed the initial application form and has completed their Fund Request form from their Connect portal, you will receive an email summarizing their request. Click on the link in the email to complete the Landlord Verification Form.

This form is part of the application packet and must be completed before we review and determine if the application will be approved. This form must be completed for each of your tenants requesting emergency rental assistance.

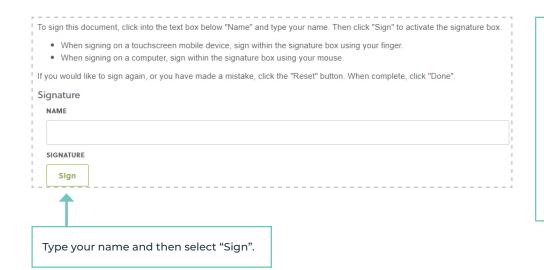
You may only complete this form after you have received a specific email instructing you to do so. The link within that email connects your form to the rest of your tenant's application. If your tenant has told you they submitted an application, but you have not received an email, please check your junk, spam, or promotional email folders.

You can also search for Apricot Software Alerts or City of Omaha – MACCH ERAP in your email folders. You will only receive the form after your tenant has completed the initial application form, set up their Connect portal, and then completed the Fund Request form.

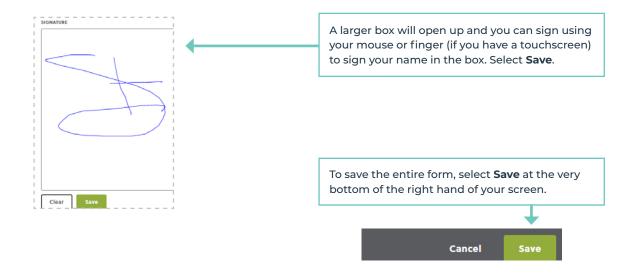




Read through the Payment Acceptance and Acknowledgement statements and provide your signature. If you cannot sign online, a specialist will reach out to you and provide you with other options for signing these statements. Signing this document indicates the truthfulness and accuracy of ALL of the information you provide us throughout the application process and your commitment to adhere to the acceptance requirements.



If you are unable to sign this form online, a hard copy can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to you. If we see that you have not completed this form, a specialist will reach out to you to determine the best way to get your signature.



UPLOADING DOCUMENTS

In this form you will upload all of the different verification documents required. If you do not have one of the requested documents, a specialist will talk with you about other ways that you can verify your need. In some situations, the attestation statements you provided in other parts of your application packet will help us determine this.

Gather your documents:

- A current, signed lease or rental agreement with the tenant's name and address on the lease (at minimum the pages of the lease showing your name, the address you are renting, the monthly rent, and the signature page)
- · Ledger or similar statement

To upload a document, click **Select Files**. Typically, your File Explorer or similar application will open. Go to the correct folder and then click on the document you would like to upload. Then click open. You will then be automatically returned to the Connect portal document and will see the name of your file in green. If your file was not able to upload, you will receive an error message.



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INITIATING AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF YOUR TENANT

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You will be required to upload a signed City of Omaha – MACCH ERAP Tenant Authorization Form. You can find the form at <u>macchconnect.org</u>. If you anticipate applying on behalf of a tenant in the future, you may begin completing the Tenant Authorization Form at any time. You are also advised to encourage your tenant to begin the application process on their own by going to <u>macchconnect.org</u> or calling 211 for more information.

