## Homeowner Property Tax Relief Program . . . Do I Qualify?

Between September 29th and October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Cook County's new Homeowner Tax Relief Fund will be accepting applications for property tax rebates of \$1,000. *Applicants must meet the following Eligibility Requirements:* 

- 1. Owners of single-family homes, condominiums or small apartment buildings must have experienced a year-over-year property tax increase of 50% 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.

According to Sam Brown, Rich Township Assessor, Rich Township was reassessed in 2023 and many taxpayers experienced significant tax increases when the 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment Tax Bill for 2023 came due in 2024.

Taxpayers interested in applying for this program MUST apply online at <a href="https://hrf.cookcountyil.gov/apply">https://hrf.cookcountyil.gov/apply</a>. Taxpayers may also call (708) 834-7895 to ask questions about the program. *Please note that if you are calling for assistance, you will be prompted to leave your name and phone number.* 

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