

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE >



SHOREUP! Inc. has always been dedicated to helping people and changing lives.

As a result of the pandemic, the \$600 unemployment boost has expired, utility moratoriums have ended, and many people are in danger of losing their homes or being evicted. SHORE UP! understands the many challenges our residents are facing in an already volatile economy, and we would like to offer some help.

SHORE UP! Inc. has recently received funding that will allow the agency to assist individuals or families who are experiencing difficulties as a result of COVID-19. Recipients must be low to moderate income, or up to 200% of the poverty level. They must also reside in Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester or Queen Anne's counties.

SHORE UP! is offering up to \$500 of rental assistance to each eligible household. Prospective recipients must provide lease documentation, proof of income to ensure sustainability, and their landlord must agree to receive payment from the agency. Those who obtain rental assistance will receive rental counseling, which includes establishment of a realistic budget, financial education and coaching services.

Rental assistance is just one aspect of possible COVID assistance. If you need food, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), energy assistance or any other COVID related support, contact SHORE UP! immediately.

For more information or to apply for COVID assistance, e-mail agency@shoreup.org, or call 410-749-1142 ext. 356.

Sincerely,

Freddy L. Mitchell, Executive Director

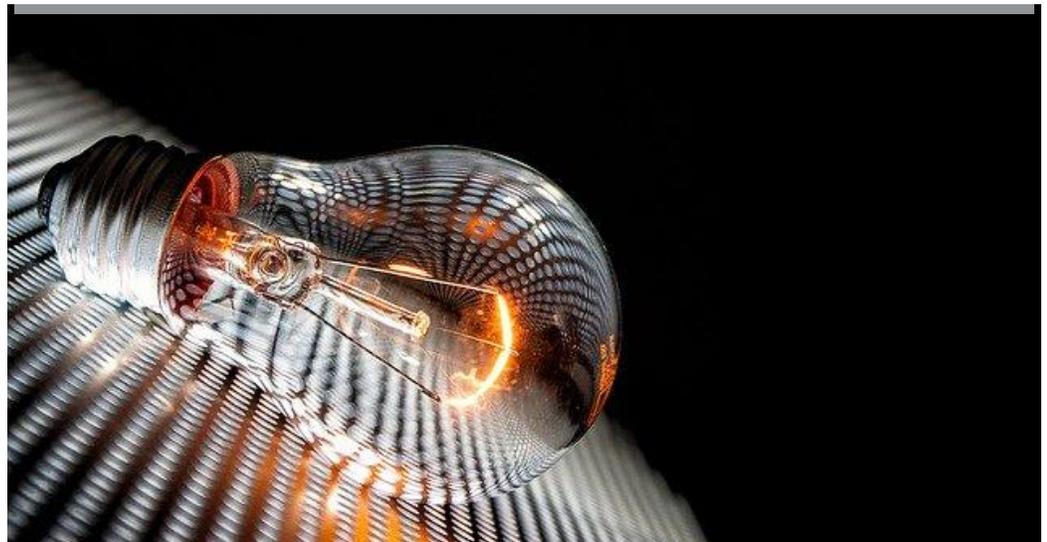
SURVEY >



COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING SURVEY

SHORE UP!'s Planning Office is requesting that all employees and members of the general public complete a Communications and Marketing Survey. The 10-question survey will take less than five minutes to complete, and provides the office with details on how individuals receive their information, how often the agency's social media pages are visited, what website visitors would like to change about the agency website, the perception of SHORE UP! and more.

The Communications and Marketing Survey may be found here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GFTLWP3>.



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ENERGY ASSISTANCE

SHORE UP! Inc. reminds residents in Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties that now is the opportune time for eligible individuals to apply for Energy assistance.

The Community Action Agency's Home Energy programs provide financial support to eligible individuals and families with paying current and delinquent electric bills. The Energy Assistance program is year round; however, customers must reapply each fiscal year. The new fiscal year will extend through June 30, 2021.

In Fiscal Year 2019, nearly 8,000 individuals received Energy assistance, and according to Thomas Vanlandingham, director for the Office of Home Energy Programs, there are different options that can assist with payment and budget billing.

Prospective clients may apply for Energy assistance through SHORE UP!'s website at <https://shoreup.org/housing/energy-assistance/>. The website also lists the current income guidelines for eligibility. For Energy questions, call 410-341-9634.

**IN REMEMBRANCE>**

SHORE UP! REMEMBERS FISCAL ADMINISTRATOR

On Monday, July 27, 2020, SHORE UP! Inc. received news that our long-time administrator of Fiscal Management, Bruce Wharton, passed away. Wharton was a 41-year employee of the agency. Since he began with SHORE UP!, Wharton also served as a Career Information media tech, Fiscal assistant, Fiscal specialist and Fiscal manager before matriculating to the role of administrator.

"Bruce was a valued employee of our agency who tirelessly dedicated his time to ensuring that SHORE UP! was successful," said Executive Director Freddy L. Mitchell. "He had a charismatic personality, understood his craft, and was a respected colleague whom I also considered to be a dear friend. He will be sorely missed."

**"In life we loved you dearly, in death we
love you still. In our hearts you hold a place,
no one else will ever fill."**

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