

289 Individual

431 Company

769 Completed

My name is Jodie Osgood and I am a Program Specialist for the Eviction Prevention Program. I have a unique perspective within my teammates as I have previously worked for an affordable housing property manager and I helped my father manage his 3-unit building. I know how individual owners rely on the income generated from their rental properties and how a missed rental payment from a tenant can mean a missed utility payment for the landlord. I know that it is expensive, time consuming, and often confusing for an individual landlord to evict a tenant. It also feels terrible.

Once a tenant is evicted, a landlord will likely never see any of the money owed to them. 841 households receiving Eviction Prevention assistance does not just benefit the tenant, but also the landlords who may otherwise not have received the rental payments due them.

Of the 769 completed landlord applications 289 of them are listed as individual landlords. Not companies, LLCs, or even non-profits, but individuals. That's 289 of our friends and neighbors receiving the steady income they count on to heat their own homes and pay their own bills.

I have worked with a landlord in Penobscot county who is older and uncomfortable with technology. All the ledgers he has provided for his tenants are handwritten on notebook paper and he had to seek assistance from a family member to scan and email his documents to us. When I spoke to him on the phone I thanked him for going out of his comfort zone to help us get his tenants approved. He told me "you are helping me a lot more than I'm helping you." We have so far approved four of his tenants. Their combined arrears was \$44,495.22. Money he likely would not have received at all had he been forced to evict his tenants.