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REIA Update

Benefits

Website - Find a REIA - Last week we launched our new website. Our [Find a REIA](#) page was viewed over 50,000 times last year and we want to make sure your potential members are given the correct information so they can join. Please take a second to look at the site to make sure that we have the most up to date contact information for your group. If you have any edits please email Lori@nationalreia.org.

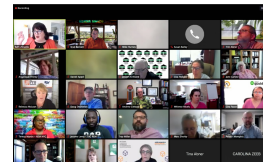
Get Covered - Give tenants peace-of-mind with rent guarantees designed to keep them current on rent if they lose their job or become disabled unexpectedly. We have your back, so you can have theirs. It's that simple. For as little as \$35 per month, we'll cover up to three months of your tenant's rent. Find out more at reiasure.getcoveredinsurance.com.

Events

Monthly Leadership Call

Join us for our Monthly Leadership Call on January 20th at 2 PM. In this meeting we will cover:

- Legislative Update
- Ignite Sessions



[Attend](#)

We will finish the meeting with an open forum on various topics submitted.

January 20th at 2 PM EASTERN

Leadership calls are on the 3rd Wednesday of every month

**MidYear Leadership Conference 2021 - Save the Date
June 16th - 19th, Jacksonville FL**

Legislative

As we have passed the Holiday season, it seems we have entered a period of Rumors. The ink on the most recent Stimulus Bill has barely dried and the incoming Biden Administration has floated the idea of a new stimulus

bill with the “succinct” title: *“American Rescue Plan: Emergency Legislative Package to Fund Vaccinations, Provide Immediate, Direct Relief to Families Bearing the Brunt of the COVID-19 Crisis, and Support Struggling Communities.”*

Inevitably there will be changes, and as this will be a discussion for February primarily, here are a couple of highlights – most of which are little more than extensions of previous stimulus bills and regulations:

- Individual Assistance
 - An addition \$1,400 in individual checks.
 - Extend and expand unemployment insurance benefits with a \$400 per week supplement.
 - Extend financial assistance for workers who have exhausted their regular unemployment compensation benefits.
 - Extend financial assistance for unemployed workers who do not typically qualify for unemployment compensation benefits.
 - Fully fund states’ short-time compensation programs and additional weeks of benefits.
- Housing
 - Extend the eviction and foreclosure moratoriums and continue applications for forbearance on federally-guaranteed mortgages until September 30, 2021.
 - Fund legal assistance for renters facing eviction or foreclosure.
 - Fund an additional \$25 billion in rental assistance to provide much-needed rental relief, especially for low- and moderate-income households who have lost jobs or are out of the labor market.
 - Deliver \$5 billion in emergency assistance to help secure housing for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- Labor/Family Support
 - Raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour.
 - Expand child care assistance to help millions of families and help parents return to work.
 - Increase tax credits to help cover the cost of childcare.

For now, please be sure to focus on the benefits secured in the December 2020 Stimulus bill that provides \$25B in Emergency Rental Assistance – this can help eliminate the arrearage for residents – which is critical for many property owners starting to see decreasing rental payments. ERA funds will likely be out in February

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