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Dealer Alert

COMMERCIAL RENT RELIEF DETAILS EMERGE

More details are emerging about the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) plan we described to you a week ago.

<https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/24/prime-minister-announces-partnerships-provinces-and-territories>

CECRA, to be funded jointly with the provinces, will provide non-repayable loans to commercial property owners to cover 50 per cent of rent payments for April, May and June.

The loans will be forgiven if the property owner agrees to cut the rent by at least 75 per cent for those months and promises not to evict the tenant. The small business tenant must cover the remaining portion of the rent, which would be up to 25 per cent.

To qualify for CECRA, small business tenants must pay less than \$50,000 a month in rent. They also must have experienced a revenue decline of at least 70 per cent from pre-COVID-19 levels, or they must have been forced to close down because of pandemic restrictions.

Non-profit and charitable organizations are also eligible.

It is expected the new program will be operational by mid-May and we will of course provide more news when we have it.