



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) Monthly REPORT

Department of Human Services

May 2021

Background

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is pleased to submit this report, as required by Act 2021-1, Article I-D of the Fiscal Code, 72 P.S. §103-D (a)(7.1) and (8):

Powers and duties.--The department shall have the power and duty to: prepare a monthly consolidated report with information from all counties submitted under section 104-D(4) and shall submit the report on a monthly basis to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. The report shall also be posted and maintained on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

The report shall include the following information:

- (i) The total amount of funds received by a county.
- (ii) The total amount of funds spent by a county for services under section 102-D(a).
- (iii) The total amount of excess funding or shortfall identified by a county as of December 31, 2021.
- (iv) The total number of households that applied for assistance.
- (v) The total number of households that received assistance.
- (vi) The total amount of funding sought by services under section 102-D(a).
- (vii) The total amount of assistance provided by services under section 102-D(a).
- (viii) An itemization of all expenditures for administrative costs.

Act 1 of 2021 authorized DHS to implement the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). The federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, (Pub. L. 116-260) allocated \$569,807,659.70 directly to Pennsylvania to assist those affected by COVID-19 by providing funding for certain past, current and future rental and utility expenses. Of that allocation, the Pennsylvania General Assembly appropriated \$5,698,076.60 to be used by DHS for administrative costs. Funding was allocated to all counties based on percentage of population minus any direct federal allocation per Section 102-D(c) of the Act. (See Table 2 for allocations and expended/remaining funds as of May 30, 2021). A maximum of five percent of each county's allocated funds may be used for administration of the ERAP program. Eighteen counties and one city received a separate allocation directly from the United States Treasury in addition to the funding allocated to them in accordance with Act 1 of 2021.

DHS officially launched ERAP on March 15, 2021, though not all counties were operational on that date. All counties, however, were operational and accepting applications as of March 29, 2021. (See Table 1 for application data).

Definitions

DHS uses the following definitions in this report:

- Rental Assistance - includes assistance for rent arrears, current rent, future rent, and utilities included as a part of the rent payment per the rental agreement
- Utility Assistance - includes payment for utilities, utility arrearages and future utility payments not included as a part of the rent
- Other Expenses Related to Housing - includes but is not limited to assistance with relocation expenses, rental fees, reasonable late fees, internet for work or home schooling (at county option)
- Housing Stability Services - services provided to coordinate the activities necessary for the client to obtain or retain housing including but not limited to case management and other services intended to keep households stably housed

NOTE: This report reflects emergency rental assistance as implemented with funds allocated per Act 1 of 2021 and does not include expenditures of funds received by local municipalities directly from the United States Treasury.

All figures below reflect self-reported data by the county as of May 31, 2021 and may reflect the county made corrections for previous months.

APPLICATIONS May 1 – May 31, 2021

Number of applications pending at beginning of May:	31,560*
Total number of households that applied for assistance:	13,505*
Total number of households that received assistance:	5,376*
Total number of households denied assistance:	815*
Total number of applications pending at end of May:	39,267

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Total state funds allocated:	\$ 564,109,583.10
Total state funds remaining as of April 30, 2021	\$ 548,620,616.41
Emergency Rental Assistance paid or obligated during May:	\$ 32,212,463.62
Rental Assistance	\$ 29,215,994.51
Utility Assistance	\$ 2,732,285.66
Other Expenses Related to Housing	\$ 264,183.45
Housing Stability Services paid or obligated during May:	\$ 141,442.88
County administrative costs paid or obligated during May:	\$ 1,504,122.16
Personnel	\$ 716,607.58
Operating	\$ 146,955.18
Purchased Services	\$ 640,559.40
Total amount paid or obligated during May:	\$ 33,858,028.66
Total amount of funds remaining (YTD):	\$ 514,762,587.75

**These numbers include applications reported by counties that received a direct allocation from the U.S. Treasury but did not expend any DHS allocated funds.*

TABLE 1 APPLICATIONS AND DISPOSITIONS AS REPORTED BY COUNTIES MAY 1-31, 2021

County	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Denied	Applications Pending
Adams	109	102	16	29
Allegheny	877	466	23	3916
Armstrong	40	33	15	25
Beaver	111	180	8	564
Bedford	16	21	4	16
Berks	79	79	0	0
Blair	201	58	2	536
Bradford	36	29	1	24
Bucks	0	0	0	0
Butler	131	74	35	331
Cambria	134	19	18	328
Cameron	8	9	0	6
Carbon	29	31	2	5
Centre	228	64	14	783
Chester	0	0	0	0
Clarion	90	48	28	196
Clearfield	174	89	71	14
Clinton	39	19	9	110
Columbia	98	21	23	172
Crawford	94	63	3	28
Cumberland	21	2	4	15
Dauphin	218	8	4	902
Delaware	977	418	3	1945
Elk	28	19	2	69
Erie	251	101	1	519
Fayette	155	79	33	341
Forest	5	3	2	5
Franklin	163	149	12	47
Fulton	21	19	2	10
Greene	46	31	0	36
Huntingdon	50	30	12	53
Indiana	90	33	41	212
Jefferson	59	22	13	73
Juniata	6	4	2	1
Lackawanna	155	152	5	255
Lancaster	0	0	0	0
Lawrence	106	43	35	167
Lebanon	85	52	2	13

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County	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Denied	Applications Pending
Lehigh	0	0	0	0
Luzerne	0	0	0	0
Lycoming	138	74	21	417
McKean	58	29	25	16
Mercer	95	106	8	58
Mifflin	48	14	28	26
Monroe	195	69	59	507
Montgomery	5	0	0	5
Montour	26	0	4	22
Northampton	171	209	7	66
Northumberland	154	95	10	290
Perry	23	21	2	0
Philadelphia	7037	1712	27	25472
Pike	27	29	5	19
Potter	13	13	2	5
Schuylkill	108	88	35	101
Snyder	18	15	10	26
Somerset	101	136	20	98
Sullivan	1	3	1	0
Susquehanna	35	16	13	34
Tioga	44	18	23	63
Union	17	20	10	11
Venango	45	25	24	27
Warren	40	17	15	20
Washington	0	0	0	0
Wayne	26	14	8	18
Westmoreland	141	74	13	198
Wyoming	9	9	0	22
York	0	0	0	0
State Total	13505	5376	815	39267

**Shaded counties did not report any DHS allocated funds expended in the current month. Some of these counties provided the number of applications received, approved, denied, and pending. The application counts are reflected in the numbers on page 3.*

TABLE 2 COUNTY ALLOCATIONS AND EXPENDED FUNDS AS REPORTED BY COUNTIES MAY 31, 2021

County	Amount of Direct Federal Allocation Received	DHS Allocation	DHS funds Expended May 1 – 31	DHS funds Remaining YTD
Adams	\$0	\$6774,933.20	\$388,938.34	\$5,572,667.66
Allegheny	\$36,234,405.90	\$43,745,242.84	\$953,301.40	\$41,129,881.96
Armstrong	\$0	\$4,257,640.60	\$150,445.83	\$4,000,626.50
Beaver	\$0	\$10,781,660.09	\$741,472.93	\$9,570,916.44
Bedford	\$0	\$3,149,608.30	\$60,293.17	\$2,872,424.10
Berks	\$12,549,393.60	\$15,150,690.51	\$962,434.56	\$13,384,971.52
Blair	\$0	\$8,012,730.31	\$337,888.45	\$7,368,033.74
Bradford	\$0	\$3,967,462.02	\$118,952.76	\$3,683,531.19
Bucks	\$18,720,516.20	\$22,600,992.39	\$0.00	\$22,600,992.39
Butler	\$0	\$12,355,148.83	\$325,045.47	\$11,655,583.63
Cambria	\$0	\$8,562,767.36	\$91,618.99	\$8,369,036.58
Cameron	\$0	\$292,480.54	\$40,167.88	\$238,908.39
Carbon	\$0	\$4,221,269.62	\$210,440.49	\$3,644,340.13
Centre	\$0	\$10,680,110.74	\$335,183.24	\$9,911,471.82
Chester	\$15,643,059.70	\$18,885,626.18	\$0.00	\$18,885,626.18
Clarion	\$0	\$2,528,078.93	\$240,890.69	\$2,260,551.16
Clearfield	\$0	\$5,212,625.41	\$436,216.92	\$4,068,693.18
Clinton	\$0	\$2,540,838.37	\$84,490.07	\$2,334,823.32
Columbia	\$0	\$4,272,702.00	\$98,186.09	\$4,079,835.85
Crawford	\$0	\$5,566,075.02	\$406,131.27	\$4,664,026.88
Cumberland	\$7,549,647.80	\$9,114,574.00	\$123,298.17	\$8,991,275.83
Dauphin	\$8,292,455.40	\$10,011,354.30	\$148,494.80	\$9,720,679.23
Delaware	\$16,887,319.80	\$20,387,802.41	\$3,317,783.39	\$16,653,003.16
Elk	\$0	\$1,967,189.78	\$87,445.66	\$1,864,793.37
Erie	\$8,037,065.90	\$9,703,026.53	\$636,182.91	\$8,798,865.97
Fayette	\$0	\$8,502,390.22	\$427,194.81	\$7,848,484.15
Forest	\$0	\$476,637.39	\$15,437.49	\$449,879.04
Franklin	\$0	\$10,196,172.84	\$500,292.64	\$7,962,510.00
Fulton	\$0	\$955,642.51	\$47,959.09	\$811,538.99
Greene	\$0	\$2,383,055.41	\$100,223.96	\$2,173,236.97
Huntingdon	\$0	\$2,969,134.58	\$96,240.24	\$2,785,631.85
Indiana	\$0	\$5,529,506.73	\$134,745.93	\$5,278,688.10
Jefferson	\$0	\$2,856,075.43	\$79,287.08	\$2,735,477.75
Juniata	\$0	\$1,628,670.03	\$16,057.17	\$1,600,128.96
Lackawanna	\$6,247,641.20	\$7,542,681.42	\$2,085,951.18	\$4,458,697.07
Lancaster	\$16,260,899.00	\$19,631,534.12	\$0.00	\$19,631,534.12
Lawrence	\$0	\$5,624,150.19	\$324,654.43	\$4,983,087.46

TABLE 2 COUNTY ALLOCATIONS AND EXPENDED FUNDS AS REPORTED BY COUNTIES MAY 31, 2021

County	Amount of Direct Federal Allocation Received	DHS Allocation	DHS funds Expended May 1 – 31	DHS funds Remaining YTD
Lebanon	\$0	\$9,325,768.65	\$280,721.21	\$8,754,803.52
Lehigh	\$11,004,542.00	\$13,285,614.96	\$0.00	\$13,285,614.96
Luzerne	\$9,458,051.60	\$11,418,560.83	\$0.00	\$11,418,560.83
Lycoming	\$0	\$7,451,709.62	\$380,021.65	\$6,489,782.69
McKean	\$0	\$2,671,918.58	\$77,556.93	\$2,520,928.17
Mercer	\$0	\$7,196,849.69	\$509,116.12	\$6,524,874.11
Mifflin	\$0	\$3,034,510.26	\$76,571.39	\$2,850,530.96
Monroe	\$0	\$11,198,775.35	\$67,933.62	\$11,027,311.84
Montgomery	\$24,758,714.80	\$29,890,816.95	\$0.00	\$29,890,816.95
Montour	\$0	\$1,198,992.63	\$8,583.92	\$1,190,408.71
Northampton	\$9,096,555.30	\$10,982,131.81	\$770,980.02	\$10,211,151.79
Northumberland	\$0	\$5,974,771.68	\$334,196.38	\$5,322,123.53
Perry	\$0	\$3,043,323.48	\$85,650.94	\$2,810,267.51
Philadelphia	\$47,200,241.70	\$56,984,128.38	\$14,511,579.08	\$42,472,549.30
Pike	\$0	\$3,670,574.87	\$516,434.84	\$2,791,219.62
Potter	\$0	\$1,086,920.04	\$25,994.84	\$1,014,024.92
Schuylkill	\$0	\$9,297,224.34	\$400,043.61	\$8,897,180.73
Snyder	\$0	\$2,655,278.69	\$120,253.55	\$2,396,000.01
Somerset	\$0	\$4,830,631.48	\$199,760.04	\$4,198,885.89
Sullivan	\$0	\$398,962.66	\$6,898.80	\$383,570.64
Susquehanna	\$0	\$2,652,384.80	\$67,355.77	\$2,471,752.12
Tioga	\$0	\$2,669,682.39	\$100,484.36	\$2,547,676.16
Union	\$0	\$2,954,599.35	\$117,274.28	\$2,695,071.98
Venango	\$0	\$3,332,449.74	\$172,562.44	\$2,911,332.85
Warren	\$0	\$2,577,603.97	\$125,293.85	\$2,171,264.00
Washington	\$6,163,941.60	\$7,441,632.24	\$0.00	\$7,441,632.24
Wayne	\$0	\$3,378,028.56	\$45,779.73	\$3,323,784.03
Westmoreland	\$10,396,118.50	\$12,551,074.63	\$689,529.70	\$11,861,544.93
Wyoming	\$0	\$1,762,249.51	\$44,104.09	\$1,689,638.35
York	\$13,380,549.10	\$16,154,131.86	\$0.00	\$16,154,131.86
State Total	\$277,881,119.10	\$564,109,583.10	\$33,858,028.66	\$514,762,587.75