



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP)

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH RENT AND UTILITIES?

If you lost a job or income during the COVID-19 pandemic and rent your home, assistance may be available. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) can cover rent and utility arrears accrued since March 2020, upcoming rent and utility costs, rehousing costs, and other costs related to housing.

WHERE CAN I APPLY?

Go to dhs.pa.gov/erap and use the County Application Finder to learn how to apply for ERAP in your county. Paper applications are available in seven languages online, and they can be returned to your county's ERAP office.

WHO CAN I CALL FOR HELP APPLYING?

Go to dhs.pa.gov/erap

Use the County Application Finder to find your county ERAP office. Your local Community Action Agency or United Way (2-1-1) can also help you find help near you.

What Do I Need to Apply?

- Basic information like your name, address, contact information, and the number of people in your household
- Your landlord or property manager's name and contact information
- Your utility provider's information and your account numbers
- Income information for you and anyone else in your household who has an income. You should know the source(s) of that income, like wages from a job, unemployment, Social Security/SSI, etc.
- Your monthly household expenses and how much you owe, if you have arrears

What Documents Do I Need?

Be prepared to show a few documents to verify eligibility

- Proof of identity
- Proof of lost employment or income like an unemployment qualification or benefits or pay statements
- Proof of income for anyone in your household over age 18. This can include paystubs, W-2s, tax filings, unemployment qualification or benefits.
- Proof of monthly rent or arrears owed
- Proof of utility costs or arrears owed
- Proof of other housing costs incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Photocopies, digital photographs of documents, and emails or attestations from an employer, landlord, or utility provider are accepted. If you're applying through COMPASS, these documents can be uploaded directly with your application. If documents are not available, your county ERAP office can work with you sign a written statement.