

Emergency Rental Assistance Notice Rental Relief for those impacted by Covid

Rent relief is on its way. The **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)** will enable tenants and landlords to apply for rental arrear payments. The ERAP makes available \$25 billion nationwide to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds are provided directly to States, U.S. Territories, local governments, and Indian tribes to assist eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs.

Eligibility

An “eligible household” is defined as a renter household in which at least one or more individuals meets the following criteria:

- I. Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19;
- II. Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
- III. Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median (see table below)

# in HH	80% of area median income	# in HH	80% of area median income	# in HH	80% of area median income	# in HH	80% of area median income
1	\$42,500	3	\$54,600	5	\$65,550	7	75,250
2	\$48,550	4	\$60,650	6	\$70,400	8	\$80,100

**2020 Median incomes were issued by HUD*

Rental assistance provided to an eligible household should not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance provided to such household.

Assistance

Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of assistance in paying back rent owed to landlord. NYS will open an online application portal to submit applications and paper work. CAP and DSS will be able to help you with the application process.

Role for Landlords

The proposed legislation allows landlords and property owners to aid tenants in applying for assistance or applying on the renter’s behalf. If a landlord applies for assistance on behalf of their tenant, the tenant must cosign the application, the landlord must provide the tenant documentation of the application, and the payments must be used to pay the tenant’s rental obligations.

Other important Information

- National moratorium extended to June 2021- see full details here:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/pdf/CDC-Eviction-Moratorium-03292021.pdf>