

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

What is the Emergency Rental Assistance Program?

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) provides assistance to households that have experienced economic insecurity and have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. ERAP provides tenant households assistance with rental costs and utilities to include arrearages.

Who can apply?

ERAP is for renters or homeless households. Tenants can apply for themselves or a landlord can apply on behalf of their current tenant(s).

What are the income limits?

FY 2020 Income Limits Harrisburg-Carlisle Region	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
Extremely Low (30%) Income Limits	17,850	20,400	22,950	26,200	30,680	35,160	39,640	44,120
Very Low (50%) Income Limits	29,750	34,000	38,250	42,500	45,900	49,300	52,700	56,100
Low (80%) Income Limits	47,600	54,400	61,200	68,000	73,450	78,900	84,350	89,800

Who must be included in the application?

When completing an ERAP application, you are asked to enter the number of children and adults in your household. Identifying information (Name, Social Security Number and Birthdate) are required only for the applicant and income information is required for all adults in the household over the age of 18.

How do I receive my ERAP? What if my landlord isn't participating?

ERAP assistance is paid directly to your landlord or utility provider. In the event your landlord or utility provider does not want to participate in ERAP, a direct payment may be made to a tenant and you will be required to submit verification of payment for rent and/or utilities.

How much am I eligible for? How is my ERAP amount determined?

Your county ERAP office will review your application and determine the amount of your ERAP grant.

Can I apply for rental assistance and help with past due bills?

Yes.

Can I be eligible for ERAP if I only have lot rent?

Yes. Lot rent is an allowable rental expense.

Can I receive an ERAP grant if I receive Section 8 or live in subsidized housing?

Yes. Those receiving Section 8 or living in subsidized housing may be eligible for ERAP.

What county should I apply for ERAP in?

Apply for ERAP in the county where the tenant property is located.

What verification is needed and how do I submit it?

Tenant head of household information – name, social security number and birthdate and non-citizenship status if applicable

- Annual or monthly household income information for all household members over the age of 18 (including income for Employment, Unemployment Compensation, and other income sources)
- Rental expenses
- Landlord information
- Utility expenses
- Utility provider information

This information is submitted to Perry County Commissioners Office, or apepper@perryco.org.

What if someone in my family is an undocumented alien?

The primary applicant must be a US citizen or qualified alien. All income for adults 18 years of age or older must be included when applying.

How will I know if I'm approved?

A notice will be sent to you from your ERAP provider indicating your eligibility or ineligibility.

What If I received LIHEAP?

ERAP is a separate program and an applicant can apply for and be eligible for both LIHEAP and ERAP.

ERAP will not cover or duplicate costs covered by LIHEAP.

What if I received Rental Assistance in the past year?

You could still be eligible for ERAP even if you received rental assistance in the past 12 months. If you received Federally Funded rental assistance notify your ERAP office to determine your eligibility.

Is there a time limit on this program?

At this time The Department of Human Services expects the ERAP program to run until December 31, 2021 or until funds are exhausted.

Do I have to register for COMPASS to submit an ERAP application?

No. The ERAP application is separate from other benefits you may want to apply for. You cannot apply for any other Health and Human Service benefits using an ERAP application.

Are my bank accounts and other savings considered in determining if I am eligible for ERAP?

Resources such as bank accounts are not considered for ERAP.