

COVID EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE



Have you lost income due to COVID-19?

Struggling to make rent and utility payments?

How can the CERA Program help?

This rental assistance program can help those struggling with past due rents and utility payments. Read below to find out more on requirements for eligibility and documents required to apply.

Who is eligible?

You may be eligible for the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program if you meet all the following conditions:

1. You are currently in a rental unit
2. Have a documented amount of past-due rent or utilities from after March 13th.
3. Have a gross household income below 80% area median income (AMI), for the area (See table below)
4. Have experienced an eligible COVID hardship since March 13, 2020.
5. A lease agreement in the tenant's name if a written lease was completed (Verbal leases may qualify but will need additional documentation)

What you will need to apply:

- Copy of past-due rent notice, a notice to quit or a court ordered summons, complaint or judgement
- Copy of state ID for the tenant applicant (with proof of residency if address does not match the unit) or other photo ID
- Most current copy of lease agreement in tenant's name (if a written lease was completed)
 - If working with a verbal lease, additional documentation may be requested
- Provide all proof of earned and unearned income for household members that live at the property & are over the age of 18
 - Household income/benefits (unemployment, SSI, etc.) for one month OR Copy of submitted 2020 IRS form 1040 (first 2 pages)
 - Food Assistance Program Notice of Case Action form (only for 3 or less people in household)
- Copy of ALL utility statements, if applicable
- Copy of Internet bill/statement, if applicable
- COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Owner/Landlord Application and required documents (Owner/Landlord may also submit separately)
- Supporting documentation for proof of COVID Hardship (only one hardship is necessary)

| # in Household | 1 Person | 2 Persons | 3 Persons | 4 Persons | 5 Persons | 6 Persons | 7 Persons | 8 Persons |
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| 80% | \$44,240 | \$50,560 | \$56,880 | \$63,200 | \$68,320 | \$73,360 | \$78,400 | \$83,440 |

To access program, call 269-382-0287

