

AN OVERVIEW:

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

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Emergency Rental Assistance Program Overview

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, passed December 21, 2020, includes the \$25 billion Emergency Rental Assistance Program. These funds are directly allocated to States, US Territories, local governments with more than 200,000 residents, the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, and Indian tribes to aid households that are unable to pay rent or utilities due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Existing or new rental assistance programs will provide these funds to eligible households.

HOW FUNDS WILL BE DISSEMINATED:

- Treasury stated that the eligible jurisdiction must have submitted their certification by January 12th, 2021, to receive funds no later than January 27th, 2021.
- Funds must be utilized by December 31, 2021, with the option to request an additional three months, granted at the Department of Treasury's discretion.
- Any funding not utilized for eligible purposes will have to be returned to Treasury.

STATE ALLOCATIONS:

The total **\$25 billion** in Emergency Rental Assistance funding is to be allocated into four categories:

States and the District of Columbia: \$23.785 billion

Territories: \$400 million

Tribes and Hawaiian Homelands: \$800 million

Treasury Administration: \$15 million

Up to 45% of individual States allocations will be distributed to local governments with populations greater than 200,000, based on the 2019 Census Data.

ELIGIBILITY:

Jurisdictions must use no less than 90% of funds received to provide eligible households assistance.

Eligible forms of assistance may include:

- Rent
- Rental arrears
 - Rental arrears must be covered before prospective rent payments
- Utilities and home energy costs
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- Up to 10% of costs can be utilized for home stabilization services, such as case management
- Other expenses related to housing incurred due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic

Up to 10% of funding can be utilized for direct administrative costs.

Maximum State Allocations

Alabama	\$326,358,801.20	Missouri	\$407,924,164.80
Alaska	\$200,000,000.00	Montana	\$200,000,000.00
Arizona	\$492,131,217.20	Nebraska	\$200,000,000.00
Arkansas	\$200,961,311.80	Nevada	\$208,105,615.30
California	\$2,610,593,356.20	New Hampshire	\$200,000,000.00
Colorado	\$385,124,024.50	New Jersey	\$589,011,704.40
Connecticut	\$235,873,751.10	New Mexico	\$200,000,000.00
Delaware	\$200,000,000.00	New York	\$1,282,268,820.90
DC	\$200,000,000.00	North Carolina	\$702,966,451.50
Florida	\$1,441,188,973.40	North Dakota	\$200,000,000.00
Georgia	\$710,207,372.20	Ohio	\$775,405,764.40
Hawaii	\$200,000,000.00	Oklahoma	\$263,975,438.50
Idaho	\$200,000,000.00	Oregon	\$281,264,683.40
Illinois	\$834,709,842.60	Pennsylvania	\$847,688,778.80
Indiana	\$447,937,423.40	Rhode Island	\$200,000,000.00
Iowa	\$209,783,452.70	South Carolina	\$346,020,970.50
Kansas	\$200,000,000.00	South Dakota	\$200,000,000.00
Kentucky	\$296,897,443.50	Tennessee	\$456,682,774.50
Louisiana	\$308,042,376.60	Texas	\$1,946,983,603.80
Maine	\$200,000,000.00	Utah	\$215,507,410.00
Maryland	\$401,575,013.80	Vermont	\$200,000,000.00
Massachusetts	\$457,129,720.30	Virginia	\$569,661,203.50
Michigan	\$660,906,592.10	Washington	\$510,182,193.10
Minnesota	\$375,152,158.50	West Virginia	\$200,000,000.00
Mississippi	\$200,000,000.00	Wisconsin	\$386,777,591.50
		Wyoming	\$200,000,000.00

ELIGIBILITY [CONTINUED]:

Households may receive up to three months of rental assistance per application demonstrating eligibility. Eligible households may submit subsequent applications for additional assistance provided that the months of assistance do not exceed a total of 12 months; an additional three months may be approved if Treasury approves an extension and per funding availability. Household eligibility requirements include:

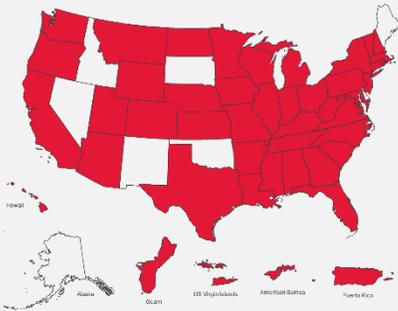
- Household income must be less than 80% of the area median income.
- Household income is determined as either the household's total income for calendar year 2020 or the household's monthly income at the time of application.

One or more household members must:

- Have qualified for unemployment benefits OR experienced a reduction in household income or financial hardship due to COVID-19; or
- Demonstrate risk of homelessness or housing instability through past due utility, rent notice or eviction notice, unsafe or unhealthy living conditions, or any other evidence of such risk (as determined by the grantee).

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Hagerty can assist your jurisdiction with their Emergency Rental Assistance Programs from beginning to end, and everything in between, by:

- Designing program parameters and guidelines for maximum disbursements while meeting all Treasury and future audit requirements;
- Developing web-based systems for online rental assistance application submission and supporting document uploads, including regular notifications of application status, and workflow management for processing applications;
- Meeting requirements for protecting Personal Identifiable Information (PII);
- Providing custom dashboards that allow leadership to track program progress;
- Supporting multi-lingual case management to guide applicants through the process, including application reviews and eligibility determination;
- Supporting program reporting and audits, including compliance with Single Audit requirements;
- Tracking funding to ensure no duplication of benefits with other programs and Federal Programs; and
- Liaising with Treasury to address policy questions, including those associated with the CARES Act, CRF, and Consolidated Appropriations Act.

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