



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

What is ERAP?

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) helps low-income District residents who face housing emergencies. A housing emergency happens when immediate action is needed to avoid homelessness, to re-establish a home, or to prevent eviction from a home.

How can ERAP help?

ERAP can help to pay the following:

- Overdue rent, including late costs and court fees, if eviction is about to happen
- security or damage deposit for a new residence
- first month's rent

ERAP cannot help to pay for utilities, mortgage payments, or any housing expense other than those listed above.

Who is eligible for ERAP?

You must be a resident of DC.

Your household must include at least **one** of the following:

- A child under the age of 19
- an adult over the age of 59, or
- a person with a disability

Your income and available resources must be below certain limits.

Will ERAP pay all of the rent arrearages or security deposit?

When you apply for ERAP, we will look at your income and resources. We will tell you how much you should pay and how much ERAP will pay.

Are there limits on how much ERAP can pay?

ERAP can only pay up to certain limits. For overdue rent, ERAP can generally pay for no more than 5 months of overdue rent, and usually no more than a total of \$4,250. (In some cases, this can be increased to up to \$6,000 and more than five months of overdue rent.) For security deposits and the first month's rent, ERAP can pay up to \$900.

If paying the highest ERAP amount will not take care of the housing emergency, ERAP cannot make its payment until you show how the remainder of the needed money will be paid.

You can only receive help from ERAP once in a twelve month period.

Will ERAP give me the money directly?

ERAP will make its payment directly to the landlord, court, or court marshals. No money will be given to you directly.

How do I apply for ERAP?

Four organizations will be taking applications for ERAP. Their names, addresses, and telephone numbers are listed on the reverse side of this form. You must fill out an application, be interviewed, and provide documents the organization needs to decide if you are eligible. If you do not have enough resources to pay for the residence after the immediate emergency is taken care of, you must also agree to take part in case management services. This will help make sure another housing emergency does not happen.

***These Organizations Will Accept
ERAP Applications:***

Catholic Community Services (CCS)

Southeast Family Center
220 Highview Place SE
202-574-3442

Housing Counseling Services

2410 17th Street NW, Suite 100
202-667-7006

Salvation Army

1434 Harvard Street NW
202-332-5000

3101 MLK Jr. Avenue SE, 2nd Floor
202-561-2000

**The Community Partnership for
Prevention of Homelessness (CPPH)**

Virginia Williams Family Resource Center
920-A Rhode Island Ave. NE
202-724-4208

**Each organization may have other
locations where persons may apply.
You can call them for information on
their additional locations.**