

# **Pennsylvanians Having Trouble Paying Rent - Apply for Assistance Today!**

Pennsylvanians who are behind on rental payments or are having trouble paying upcoming rent and landlords with tenants should apply for assistance available through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). Last week, a judge on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia that struck down the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) nationwide moratorium on evictions established in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The ruling is on hold as the United States Department of Justice appeals, but residential renters and landlords should not wait to pursue this critical, stabilizing assistance.

Households may be eligible for up to 12 months of assistance to cover past-due or future rental and / or utility payments. The amount of a household's monthly rent or utility bills does not preclude eligibility, but the amount of ERAP assistance provided to a household is determined by program administrators at the county level. Assistance can be provided to a tenant for future rental payments, and for unpaid rental or utility arrears that were accrued on or after March 13, 2020 on a residential rental property. Counties may choose to provide additional assistance to eligible households if funds remain available.

For more information on ERAP and to apply online or via paper application, visit [www.dhs.pa.gov/erap](https://www.dhs.pa.gov/erap).