




CORPUS CHRISTI

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP)

 NOTE: This program only applies to Corpus Christi, Texas residents, if you live in a city outside of Corpus Christi, you must apply directly to similar programs provided by your county or the State of Texas.

Struggling to Pay Rent Due to COVID-19?

Corpus Christi is launching the U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program to provide emergency rental assistance to Corpus Christi residents who are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On December 27, 2020, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 which included Coronavirus Stimulus & Relief (Act). The Act includes the Treasury's \$25 billion ERA program. The Treasury has allocated \$9,868,157.30 to the City of Corpus Christi for residential rental assistance.

Both landlords and renters may apply.

The program can provide assistance with past-due rent, late fees, utilities and forward rent payments for applicants.

HOW TO APPLY?

Corpus Christi Program

Corpus Christi is administering the program to tenants who reside in and are obligated to pay rent on a residential unit within Corpus Christi city limits.

Detailed information on how to apply can be found at www.cctexas.com/erap you may also contact us by email at info@corpuschristierap.com or by phone at 361-724-3085. (Note email and phone responses will be returned as soon as possible based on volume, usually within 48 hours).

Tenants and landlords strongly encouraged to submit their application via the Application Portal website for fastest processing.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Tenants

Tenants may be eligible for rental assistance under the program if the following requirements are met:

- Tenant resides in a rental unit within Corpus Christi city limits
- At least one individual in the household qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs or experienced other financial hardship due directly or indirectly to COVID-19
- Tenant has received a past due rent notice, past due utility notice, or an eviction notice or is experiencing housing instability
- Household income does not exceed 80% of area median income limit (AMI) for the city, as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Landlords

Landlords may also apply on behalf of their tenants and will be required to accept the following conditions to receive payment under the program:

- Forgive late fees (up to 15% of total rent amount), penalties, interest and not charge for court costs incurred during the period for which rent arrears assistance is received, or prior to April 2020
- Not evict a tenant for past due rent prior to April 2020
- Not evict a tenant for at least 60 days after assistance ends unless eviction is for cause other than non-payment of rent

What Does the Program Cover?

The Corpus Christi ERAP program provides financial assistance to cover rent costs for city renters who are behind on their rent and/or at risk of eviction due to COVID-19. Eligible uses for the program are limited to:

Past-Due Rent

Rental arrears dating back to as early as April 1, 2020

Future Rent

Forward rent paid in increments of up to three months

Utilities

Direct deposit payments made to the utility provider for up to 15 months

Program Goals

- ✓ *Keep people housed during the COVID-19 pandemic by preventing evictions for failure to pay rent.*
- ✓ *Prioritize applicants who are in the greatest need*
- ✓ *Serve the maximum number of households.*
- ✓ *Compensate landlords for unpaid rent during COVID-19 eviction moratoria.*



NOTE: The total number of months covered by the program, for both prior and forward arrears and current utility charges combined, may not exceed 15 months.

Additional information about the county rental assistance program, can be found at www.cctexas.com/erap or give us a call at: 361-724-3085 Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can also send us an email at: info@corpuschristierap.com

