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Update on Emergency Rental Assistance Programs

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Emergency Rental Assistance
Updates on tracking and initial findings
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Revised Resources

Treasurty Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Programs

Use the search bar to find programs in your area. If you cannot find a city or county program, your state, territory, or tribal program may be able to serve you. If you cannot find any program in your area, call 2-1-1 or your local housing authority for assistance.

SEARCH STATE, TERRITORY, TRIBE, OR LOCALITY
Search for the city or county you reside in; if you don’t see a program for your locality, you should search for your state, territory, or tribe, as applicable.

Search...

As of May 24th, NLIHC is tracking 995 programs, over 374 of which are from the Treasury ERA program.

The ERA Treasury program includes: 50 States + D.C., 382 cities/counties, 301 Tribal govts. and 6 Territories/Entities

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## Latest Updates*

**50** STATE  
**228** CITY/COUNTY  
**96** TERRITORY/TRIBAL GOVT.

### ERA Treasury Programs in Database

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* NLIHC updates these numbers each week. If you are aware of a program not included in our database, please contact nnair@nlihc.org or rya@nlihc.org

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**$21.684 billion**

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Open

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Not Yet Open

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Key Issues in Programs

Currently tracking:
• Use of self-attestation
• Direct-to-tenant assistance
• Serving tenants with federal rent subsidies

Upcoming indicators:
• Other housing services provided
• Statewide spending
Treasury ERA Dashboard

Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Dashboard

374 Treasury ERA programs in database
- Programs open or soon to open: 356
- Programs closed: 18
- Share of programs closed: 4.81%

156 Programs allowing Self-attestation
- Self-attestation for COVID hardships: 112
- Self-attestation for income: 42
- Self-attestation for non-traditional income: 59
- Self-attestation for housing instability: 31
- Self-attestation for lease/proof of tenancy: 12

87 Programs allowing direct-to-tenant assistance

121 Programs serving households with federal rent subsidy

Treasury ERA Dashboard available at: https://nlihc.org/era-dashboard
ERA Resource Hub (now live!)

ERA Resource Hub available at: https://nlihc.org/resource-hub

Self-Attestation Forms

Recent Treasury guidance strongly discourages burdensome documentation requirements and provides alternative ways to verify eligibility, including self-attestation. These forms are examples of how ERA Treasury programs are allowing applicants to attest to economic hardship, having an income less than 80% AMI, experiencing housing instability, and tenant/landlord relationship in the absence of a lease.

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Evaluation Reports

Program evaluations assess how successful a program was in meeting its stated goals. Evaluations can also identify shortfalls to avoid and successes to apply in future iterations of rental assistance programming. The following provides examples of evaluation reports released by emergency rental assistance administrators.

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Program Dashboards

Program data dashboards on program corrections and completions show programs are providing real-time insights into program performance.

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The Resource Hub will be regularly updated to include forms/policies/sample language regarding:

1. Self-attestation
2. Direct-to-tenant assistance
3. Prioritization examples
4. Sample applications
5. Program dashboards
6. Evaluation report
7. Outreach materials and toolkits
8. ERA research and reports

Additional categories will be added in the future!

Please e-mail efoley@nlihc.org if you know of resources that could be featured in the hub.
Thank You!
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STAY DC:
ERA FUNDS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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STRONG TOGETHER BY ASSISTING YOU (STAY) DC

• Program launched on April 12th, 2021
  • Primary application system is online
  • Hotline available as well
  • No in-person or paper options
  • Tenants must have access to internet, email, and phone to apply

• Program is being administered by Deloitte with no clear inclusion of community-based organizations

• Tenants can receive a total of 15 months of rental and utilities assistance

• Minimal outreach or campaigns to get tenants to apply

• There is a 'housing provider' application, but landlords cannot apply on behalf of tenants
  • This tool is more a referral or nudge to get tenants to initiate the application process
PROGRESS SO FAR

• Several issues with application – language access, collecting Social Security numbers, confusing language

• Self-certification form published on May 14th
  • Covers housing impact, financial impact, and residency
  • Income is not included on form

• Data on STAY DC has yet to be made public
  • No information released on numbers of approvals, denials, or geographic spread of applications; only vague numbers released about pending and submitted applications
  • We have heard reports of more than 20,000 initiated applications, only about half have been completed and submitted

• First approvals came out May 18th, 2021

• Advocates have not heard of any direct-to-tenant assistance being administered
Field Updates

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Office of the Minnesota Attorney General
Minnesota Attorney General
Eviction Moratorium

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May 24, 2021
Introduction and History

• Peacetime emergency
• EO 20-14
• EO 20-73
• EO 20-79
Attorney General Role

- Enforcement authority
- AGO process
  - Complaint form
    - [www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Forms/TenantEvictionComplaint.asp](http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Forms/TenantEvictionComplaint.asp)
  - Investigation
  - Litigation
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Resources

NLIHC’s HoUSed Campaign (nlihc.org/housed): Campaign Updates