

DHS Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) has established the **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)** to provide financial assistance to eligible households, directly or indirectly impacted financially by COVID-19. This assistance will be available to **eligible households struggling to pay rent, rental arrears, utilities, utility arrears, and other related housing expenses.**

WHO CAN APPLY:

- A tenant who **owes back rent or struggling to pay rent** that has been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19.
- A landlord with a tenant **who owes back rent or struggling to pay rent** that has been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19.
- Or a household with occupancy of a rental property who has been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19 and is struggling to pay for **utilities** such as **electricity, gas, water/sewage, trash removal, and heating.**

HOW TO APPLY:

1. To apply for the initial application electronically, Go to the COMPASS website:
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome>, under Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) on the homepage to start your application.
2. Call **Blair County Community Action** at **814-946-3651 ext. 139** to:
 - Request a mail-in application.
 - Fill out an initial application over the phone.
 - Request an application to be dropped off at your home.
3. Stop by our office at **2301 Beale Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601** to pick up an application.

For more information and to determine if you are eligible for assistance, visit our website:

<https://www.blaircap.org/dhsemergencyrentalassistanceprogram/>



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