Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

What is ERAP?
The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) helps low-income, District residents who are facing housing emergencies. A housing emergency is 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 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, and your income must be below 125% of the monthly federal poverty level according to household size.

Will ERAP pay all of the rent arrears or security deposit?
When you apply for ERAP, we will look at your income and resources. If you are eligible 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 pay for up to 5 months of overdue rent, or $4,250. (In cases of disability or households with seven or more children, this can be increased to up to $6,000.) For security deposits and the first month’s rent, ERAP can pay up to a total of $900 each.

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. Also, 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?
Six (6) 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.

For general ERAP inquiries, please email:

erap.program@dc.gov
You may request an ERAP appointment at the following locations:

**Catholic Charities**  
The Southeast Family Center  
2812 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C., 20020  
Office (202) 338-3100, or Fax (202) 338-3188 Website: [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org)  
Call-in for appointments: 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 9 am – 11 am  
Those with WRITs: Call Monday – Friday to check availability (Six [6] customers per week)

**Housing Counseling Services, Inc.**  
2410 17th Street, NW, Suite 100, Washington, D.C., 20009  
Adams Alley (between Euclid and Kalorama Streets)  
Office (202) 667-7006, or Fax (202) 667-1267 Website: [www.Housingetc.org](http://www.Housingetc.org)  
ERAP Recorded Information Line: (202) 667-7339  
(Appointments Only: Call 9-5 on the first business day of each month at (202) 667-7339)

**Salvation Army (NW Office)**  
National Capital Area Command  
1434 Harvard St, NW Suite B, Washington, D.C., 20009  
Office: (202) 332-5000, or Fax (202) 332-5156 Website: [www.salvationarmynca.org](http://www.salvationarmynca.org)  
(Call in for appointments on 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. WRIT walk-in every Thursday)

**Salvation Army (SE office)**  
The Solomon G. Brown Social Services Center  
2300 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C., 20020  
Office (202) 678-9771, or Fax (202) 889-8492  
(Call in for appointments on 2nd and 4th Friday of the month)  
WRIT walk-in every Wednesday)

**The Community Partnership for The Prevention Of Homelessness (TCP)**  
at Virginia Williams Family Resource Center  
920 Rhode Island Avenue NE Washington, D.C., 20018  
Office (202) 312-5510, or Fax (202) 312-5598 Website: [www.community-partnership.org](http://www.community-partnership.org)  
(Appointments are scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting at 8am by phone call only. WRIT Walk-in Monday and Tuesday first 10 clients each day)

**United Planning Organization (UPO)**  
2907 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20032  
Fax (202) 562-3802 Website: [www.upo.org](http://www.upo.org)  
ERAP Scheduling (202) 231-7922

**Greater Washington Urban League**  
2901 14th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20009  
Office: (202) 265-8200, or Fax (202) 387-6515: Website: [www.gwul.org](http://www.gwul.org)  
(Call in for appointments 3rd Monday of the month. WRIT walk-in on Thursday)