

WESTCHESTER COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP)

In partnership with New York State Office for
Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA)

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HOW IS IT FUNDED?

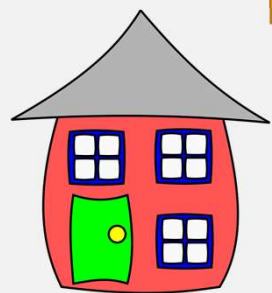
- \$100 Million from NYS & \$2.6 billion from US Treasury
- \$20 Million earmarked for Westchester households at risk of eviction due to their inability to pay rent and utilities because of COVID-19
- City of Yonkers residents should apply directly to the Yonkers program – www.yonkersny.gov.



WHAT IS COVERED UNDER ERAP?

ERAP funds may provide assistance with the following benefits:

- up to 12 months of back rent accrued as of March 13, 2020.
- up to 12 months of unpaid utility bills accrued as of March 13, 2020.
- households may receive up to 3 months of additional prospective rent if they are paying 30 percent or more of their gross monthly income on rent.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Westchester County residents, regardless of immigration status, must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 on or after 3/13/2020
- ✓ Owes rent at their current residence due on or after 3/13/2020
- ✓ Is at risk of homelessness due to rental arrears owed on or after 3/13/2020
- ✓ Household gross income can be no more than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for household size (subject to change)

| 1 Person Household | 2 person household | 3 person household | 4 person household | 5 person household |
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| \$63,400 | \$72,450 | \$81,500 | \$90,550 | \$97,800 |



HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Applicants submit documents through NYS portal
- NYS will review applications and process payments to landlords and/or utility companies
- Westchester County will promote the program and making sure that county residents know where and how to apply and make assistance available
 - Local marketing effort
 - Funding and technical assistance to nonprofits
 - 4 DSS District Offices will also provide access to portals and may be able to assist with any rent owed from prior to 3/13/2020



Westchester has partnered with United Way's 2-1-1 and 11 nonprofit organizations

- 2-1-1 - referrals and general information
- 13 nonprofits - direct application support for tenants and landlords

| Neighbor's Link | Mount Vernon United Tenants | Catholic Charities |
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| Hudson Valley Justice Center | Keeping Communities Safe (Ossining) | El Centro Hispano (White Plains/Elmsford) |
| Community Resource Center (Mamaroneck) | Salvation Army (White Plains) | Westchester Residential Opportunities |
| Human Development Services of Westchester (Sound Shore) | Community Housing Innovations | HOPE Community Services |
| | Legal Services of the Hudson Valley | |



ACT NOW – MORATORIUM ENDS 8/31!

- NYS application portal: nysrenthelp.otda.ny.gov
- Application contains several sections i.e. applicant info., hardship, additional household members, income, landlord information, etc.
- Applicants must be able to upload supporting documentation
 - ID for all members, proof of rental amounts, proof of address, proof of income, proof of gas or electricity bill
- Tenants and landlords need to work together to complete application
- 4-6 week time for review and response

CALL 2-1-1 NOW!



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Applications received from the 10543 zip code as of July 8th: 38.
- Distribute flyers to community organizations, housing authorities, section 8 offices, apartment buildings etc.
- Outreach to Town and Village Courts
- Local application support is available through Community Resource Center
- Payments will be processed and electronically sent to landlords starting this week

QUESTIONS?

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