

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



## Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

### ***What is ERAP?***

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) helps low-income District residents who face 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 or damage 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.

Your household must include at least **one** of the following:

- A child under the age of 18
- an adult over the age of 60, or
- a person with a disability

Your income and available resources must be below 125% of the monthly federal poverty level according to household size.

### ***Will ERAP pay all of the rent arrearages 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 generally pay for no more than 5 months of overdue rent, and usually no more than a total of \$4,250. (In some cases, this can be increased to up to \$6,000 and more than five months of overdue rent.) For security deposits and the first month's rent, ERAP can pay up to \$900.

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.

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?***

Four 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.

**You may request an ERAP appointment at the following locations**

**Catholic Charities**

**The Southeast Family Center**

2810 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020  
Office (202)338-3100, Fax (202)338-3188  
Website: [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org)

**Housing Counseling Services, Inc.**

2410 17th Street, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20009  
Adams Alley (between Euclid and Kalorama Streets)  
Office (202)667-7006, Fax (202)667-1939  
HCS Central Intake Phone 202-667-7339  
(The HCS # is answered on the first business day of each month)

**Salvation Army**

**National Capital Area Command**

1434 Harvard St, NW Suite B, Washington, DC 20009  
Office: (202)332.5000  
Fax (202)332.5156  
Website: [www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org)

**Additional Salvation Army Location**  
**The Solomon G. Brown Social Services Center**  
2300 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020  
Office (202)67898-97701, or Fax (202)889-8492

**The Community Partnership for The Prevention Of Homelessness**  
**Virginia Williams Family Resource Center**  
33 N Street NE, Washington, DC 20002  
(202)312-5510 (202)312-5598 fax  
Website: [www.community-partnership.org](http://www.community-partnership.org)