

Doña Ana County

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

The **EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** was established by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to provide rental assistance to eligible households unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Renters who experienced job loss or a reduction in annual income after March 13, 2020, due to COVID-19.
- Landlords on behalf of the eligible household.

ELIGIBILITY

An “**eligible household**” is defined as a renter household in which at least one or more individuals meets the following criteria:

- Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, has incurred significant costs or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19;
- Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
- Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median income as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development identified below:

Family size number of persons	80% of median
1	\$ 30,750
2	\$ 35,150
3	\$ 39,550
4	\$ 43,900
5	\$ 47,450
6	\$ 50,950
7	\$ 54,450
8	\$ 57,950

Household income is determined as either total household’s income for calendar year 2020 or household’s monthly income at the time of application. For household incomes determined using the monthly income method, income eligibility must be re-determined every 3 months.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS:

- Rental dwelling unit must be located in Doña Ana County, including all cities, towns and villages in the county.
- Applicant must have an active written rental agreement or lease in their name.
- Applicant must be past due on rent payment(s).
- Applicant must document unemployment or a reduction in income, as a direct result of COVID-19. Unemployment benefits must be reported on the application.
- Utilities must be in applicant’s name and must be past due.

Telecommunication services (telephone, cable, Internet) delivered to the rental dwelling **are not** considered to be utilities.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO APPLY:

- Complete the application package.
- Attach all required documents to the application.
- Submit the application by email to ERAP@donaanacounty.org, or by mail or hand delivered to:

**Doña Ana County
ATTN: Emergency Rental Assistance Program
845 N. Motel Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88007**

For any additional information or assistance, please contact ERAP@donaanacounty.org