



# NEW YORK STATE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

### BRONX RESIDENTS BEHIND ON RENT DUE TO COVID-19: FINANCIAL HELP IS HERE

New York's Emergency Rental Assistance Program "ERAP" helps people who fell behind in rent and utility bills due to financial hardship from COVID-19.

#### YOU QUALIFY FOR ERAP IF YOU:

- Owe past due rent from on or after March 13, 2020
- Received unemployment or experienced financial hardship because of COVID-19
- Have income under 80% of the "area median income" for your household size:

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Income limit	\$66,850	\$76,400	\$85,950	\$95,450	\$103,100	\$110,750

#### ERAP WILL PAY:

- 12 months of past due rent from on or after March 13, 2020
- 3 months future rent if your rent is more than 30% of your income
- 12 months of past due electric and gas bills from on or after March 13, 2020

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### DID YOU KNOW

- There are no immigration requirements to receive help from ERAP, and ERAP assistance does not have to be paid back.
- Your landlord cannot charge you anything for the months ERAP pays (rent due on or after March 13, 2020) – not even late fees.
- Your landlord cannot increase your rent for a whole year after the ERAP payment.
- Your landlord cannot evict you for 1 year after receipt of ERAP payment, unless you fall behind in rent again, or violate your lease
- During the year after the ERAP payment, the landlord cannot evict you just because you have no lease or because your lease expired.
- **\*EXCEPTION\*** If your building contains 4 or fewer rental units, AND the property owner or their immediate family wants to live in your apartment. The owner can also try to evict you for violating your lease or creating a nuisance
- If your landlord **REFUSES** the ERAP payment, they can never sue you for the money ERAP would have paid or try to evict you for nonpayment of that money – your slate is wiped clean
- ERAP will cover costs of moving, security deposits, future rent, utilities, and transitional stay in hotel/motel.

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## HOW TO APPLY

### YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE\*:

**1. ID of all household members**

- \_\_\_ photo ID
- \_\_\_ passport
- \_\_\_ EBT/Benefits Card
- \_\_\_ birth or baptismal certificate
- \_\_\_ school registration

**2. Proof of rent amount**

- \_\_\_ signed lease, even if expired
- \_\_\_ rent receipt
- \_\_\_ canceled check or money order
- \_\_\_ letter from landlord

**3. Proof of residency**

- \_\_\_ signed lease
- \_\_\_ rent receipt
- \_\_\_ bills or mail
- \_\_\_ school records
- \_\_\_ bank statement

**4. Proof of income (list on back)**

**5. Social Security number**

- \_\_\_ of any household member who has one
- \_\_\_ (a SSN is not required to apply)

**6. Electric or gas bill if you are asking for help with past due utilities**

\*If you are missing a document, in some circumstances you may be allowed to attest that what you listed on the application is true.



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### ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF INCOME:

#### A. Monthly income

- ☐ pay stubs
- ☐ bank account deposits
- ☐ letter from employer
- ☐ self-employment records
- ☐ unemployment benefits letter
- ☐ Social Security Administration benefits letter
- ☐ veterans benefits letter
- ☐ child support order

#### B. Yearly income

- ☐ W-2 tax form from an employer
- ☐ annual statement of earnings
- ☐ copy of completed income tax return

You will be asked to attest that on or after March 13, 2020, someone in your household received unemployment benefits or experienced a financial hardship, directly or indirectly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ERAP money is paid directly to your landlord and utility provider. ERAP will ask your landlord for their info before sending them money. This should not stop or delay you from submitting your portions of the application.

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