

RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

DES EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 authorized financial rent and utility relief for Arizona renters and landlords to be administered at the state and local level. Funding will be used toward direct payments for rent, rental arrears, utilities, utility arrears, and other expenses related to housing stability incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT DETAILS

Arizona households will be able to apply for up to \$3,500 in rental and utility assistance for each month. After their initial application, households may receive up to 12 months of assistance. After receiving 12 months of benefits, whether for arrears or future payments, the household may apply for a three-month extension of benefits upon providing documentation of eligibility. Payments will be issued directly to landlords and/or utility companies on the renter's behalf.

Eligibility Requirements:

The ERAP is available to both landlords and renters. While both may apply for assistance, eligibility is based on the renter's address and ability to meet the following criteria:

- The renter has a risk of homelessness, housing instability, or unsafe living conditions demonstrated by the following:
 - *Eviction notice
 - *Utility shutoff notice
 - *Past due rent notice
 - *Past due utility notice
- Any other evidence of unsafe or unhealthy living conditions or housing instability
- The renter or member of the renter's household is eligible for unemployment insurance benefits or has experienced a financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

Renters will need to provide a copy of lease/rental agreement, photo ID, electricity and/or gas bill, disconnection notice (if any), proof of income, eviction notice (if applicable) and proof of hardship, such as a termination letter.

Individuals may apply online at des.az.gov/ERAP

PINAL COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY EVICTION AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The program provides assistance using federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CARES funds, to assist eligible households who are unable to pay their rent, mortgage, or deposits due to a COVID-19 pandemic related income loss.

Applications for Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention due to COVID-19 are available in English and Spanish at the Housing Authority, located at 970 N. Eleven Mile Corner Road, Casa Grande 85194 and on the housing website at <https://www.pinalcountyaz.gov/housing/Pages/Home.aspx>

Applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted. Funding will be awarded on a first come first serve basis to qualifying individuals in Pinal County.

Applicants are encouraged to apply early.

Eligible Applicants:

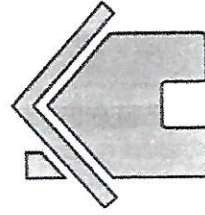
- Pinal County resident
- At or below 80% median income for household
- Income must have been affected due to COVID-19
- Ability to provide required documentation

Eligible Use:

- Rental assistance payments
- Mortgage payments
- Deposit assistance
- Foreclosure or eviction prevention, including monthly rent and associated fees
- HOA payments

Individuals may apply online at

<https://www.pinalcountyaz.gov/housing/Pages/Home.aspx>



CAHRA RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA) has funding available for Rental Assistance and Utility Assistance to aid eligible households who are unable to pay their utilities or rent

Eligible Applicants:

- Pinal County resident
- At or below 80% median income for household
- Income must have been affected due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Ability to provide required documentation of Crisis

Must provide required documentation:

- Proof of All Household Income
- Birth Certificate
- Photo Identification
- Social Security Cards
- Utility Bill
- Lease
- Past Due Rent Notice (if applicable)

Eligible Use:

- Rental assistance payments to avoid eviction
- Limited associated fees only if included on the lease
- Utility assistance including electric, gas, propane water, sewer and trash
- Utility Deposits

Income Limits:

CAHRA offers an array of programs with varied income levels. Eligibility will be based on household's gross monthly income

CAHRA also has funds for households not affected by COVID-19 pandemic.

CAHRA also has Homeless Services, including emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, and related services based on assessment of need.

To apply for services please call 520-466-1112.