# **Eviction Rent Assistance Program (ERAP)**

Rental assistance for those most likely to become homeless after an eviction, to suffer severe health consequences if evicted and to promote equity for groups of people disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 in Thurston County.

### Eligible households:

This program is for people renting a home or room from a property management company, landlord, friend or family in Thurston County.

#### Eligible applicants will:

- Have current income (over last 60 days) at or below 50% Area Median Income
- Have at least one month of rent not paid or partially paid since March 2020

### And meet one or more of the following:

- 50% or more of current monthly income is needed to pay rent
- Previously homeless within last five years
- Eviction history within the last seven years
- Housing disrupted due to household member's race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation or religion
- At risk of severe illness (62 or older, underlying health condition)
- Disability of any household member (includes: physical, developmental, mental or emotional impairment, impairments caused by alcohol or drug abuse, person with HIV/AIDS)

Applicants are *not* required to provide immigration status.

## Referral organizations

<u>CIELO (Centro Integral Educativo Latino de Olympia)</u> <u>COFA Alliance Network of Washington (CANN-WA)</u> <u>Community Youth Services</u> <u>Family Support Center of South Sound</u> <u>Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative</u>

### How to Make an Appointment

Call Community Action Council to make an appointment.

(360) 438-1100 Press 8 for Housing, then 7 for ERAP

> or visit their website <u>www.caclmt.org</u>

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More referral organizations listed on the ERAP web page at <u>www.caclmt.org</u>.

To become a referral organization email: info@caclmt.org

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## How much of my rent will this program help pay for?

The Eviction Rent Assistance Program can cover up to three months of unpaid rent at 80% or Fair Market Rent for whichever amount is higher.

#### Examples

If one month of unpaid rent is \$1,800 for a 3bedroom unit, 80% is \$1,440 and Fair Market Rent is \$1,689 for a 3-bedroom. So the program would cover up to \$1,689 a month for three months.

If one month of unpaid rent is \$2,200 for a 3bedroom unit, 80% is \$1,760 and Fair Market Rent is \$1,689 for a 3-bedroom. So the program would cover up to \$1,760 a month for three months.

If your landlord accepts rent payments through this program, they must forgive any remaining unpaid rent between March 1, 2020 through the months paid for by this program.

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### Do I meet the income requirement?

An eligible household's annual income is at 50% or less of Area Median Income (AMI), based on the last 60 days at the time of application.

Number of household members		50% of AMI (Thurston County)
	1	\$30,350
	2	\$34,700
	3	\$39,050
	4	\$43,350
	5	\$46,850
	6	\$50,300
	7	\$53,800
	8	\$57,250

## What do I need to apply?

Applicants will be asked about the following:

- Name and address
- Landlord contact information
- Household characteristics & demographics
- Household income
- The amount of unpaid rent
- History of housing stability
- Household member vulnerabilities and health risks
- If applicant is 24 years old or younger

Documentation is requested, but not required.

Landlords must agree to participate in the program, complete the Landlord Payment Agreement Form, provide a W-9 form and accept rent payments from the Community Action Council.

