

Columbia County HOUSING AUTHORITY



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NEW RENT RELIEF FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY RESIDENTS AND LANDLORDS

Recovery Outstanding Rent Balances Due to Covid-19

Bloomsburg, PA, March 26 2021 – Applications are now open for Columbia County landlords and tenants who seek assistance for past-due rent and utility balances related to Covid-19 financial hardship.

On behalf of the Columbia County Commissioners, the Housing Authority of Columbia County (CCHA) is now accepting applications for the Covid-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). To qualify, Columbia County households must demonstrate a Covid-19 related financial hardship, and total household incomes must be below 80% of the area median. Pre-tax income limits are as follows:

- One Person: \$36,900
- Two People: \$42,150
- Three People: \$47,400
- Four People: \$52,640
- Five People: \$56,900
- 6+: Contact Housing Authority to determine eligibility

Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-serve basis and can relieve up to 100% of past-due rent and utility balances dating back to 3/13/2020. Landlords and caseworkers may apply on behalf of tenants.

If you think you, your tenant, or your case-client qualify for assistance, applications are to be completed online via Compass ERAP at <http://bit.ly/ColumbiaERAP> OR by searching for “Compass PA ERAP”.

In addition to the online application, additional required documentation includes:

- 2020 Tax Form
- Government issued photo identification
- Copy of Lease, utility bills, and eviction notice if applicable
- Once application is submitted via Compass, email these items to mhess@cchrpa.org

CCHA will contact applicants within 72 hours of submission in order to complete the process. Weekend submissions will be contacted within two business days.

Paper applications are available and can be picked up Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-4:00PM at 700 Sawmill Road Suite 101, Bloomsburg.

Households who qualify for assistance may also reapply as future need persists until 12/31/2021 or until the program funds are exhausted.

Call 570-394-1356 with questions Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-4:00PM, or leave a voicemail and your call will be returned the following business day.