

EMERGENCY Rental & Utility Assistance

Available for Nebraska Households

The Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program provides funds to assist Nebraska low-income households outside of Lancaster and Douglas Counties who are struggling to pay rent and utilities because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Households seeking financial support can apply by visiting the state's Coronavirus website page at [Coronavirus.Nebraska.gov](https://www.coronavirus.nebraska.gov). Eligible households can obtain assistance for rent or utilities due from April 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021.

Proof of financial need is required, and applicants must provide all required documents. Only applicants who meet all eligibility guidelines will be considered.

The Nebraska ERA Program is now open for all areas outside of Lancaster and Douglas counties. Applications will be accepted through at least August of 2021. Additional funds are subject to availability after August of 2021.



DOCUMENTS NEEDED

- Current lease or rental agreement
- Identification (Driver's license or other government issued photo ID)
- Proof of income for all household members who file income taxes
- Proof of financial loss or hardship due to Covid-19 (paystubs, unemployment, W-2s, medical bills, etc)

*Douglas County, Lancaster County and certain Native American tribal entities have a separate application process. Information will be released soon!

RENTER ELIGIBILITY

- Nebraska Resident (NOT including Lancaster or Douglas County residents)*
- Current household income at or below 80% area median income. Get more information here: www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html#2020_query
- Assistance for up to 12 months of past due or future rent. An additional 3 months of assistance (for a total of 15) may be approved if the household is still experiencing housing instability.
- No more than \$20,000 total assistance for any household

Learn more & apply online at [Coronavirus.Nebraska.gov](https://www.coronavirus.nebraska.gov)

Questions? Call the ERA Program Contact Center at **833-500-8810** (available 8am – 7pm Monday – Friday)