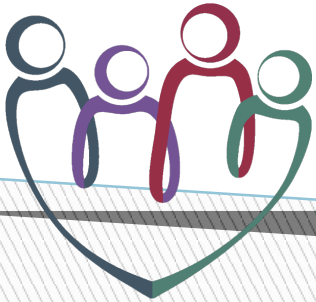


# Emergency Rental Assistance Program

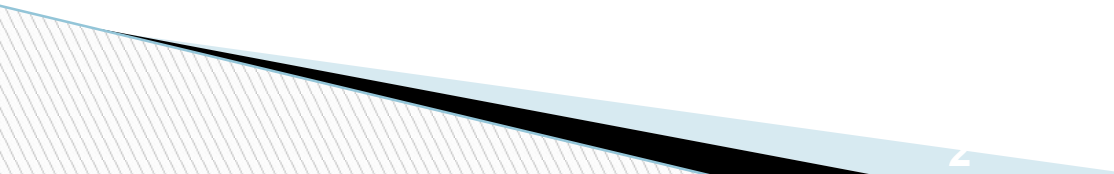
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# What is the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)?

- The U.S. Treasury has provided the State with funds to:
- help cover rent and utilities costs for individuals and families struggling financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
  - keep people housed during the pandemic to avoid spreading COVID-19
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# Stakeholder Input

- Ongoing survey ([dfs.wyo.gov](https://dfs.wyo.gov))
- Town Hall Meetings
- Coordination with multiple State of Wyoming agencies
- Looking at how other states are managing an ERAP program

# Stakeholder Input

- Highlights from survey responses:
  - Simple, fast, online application process
  - Availability of community in-person assistance and locations with internet access
  - Call center support to quickly answer questions
  - Clear information about eligibility & documentation requirements
  - Electronic signature capability
  - Spanish language support

# What can ERAP assist with?

- Rent (past-due and future payments)
- Maintaining safe housing and avoiding evictions
- Utilities - water, sewer, trash, electric, gas, and fuel oil/propane (past-due and future payments)
- Internet
- Case management – other housing supports

# Who qualifies?

- Renter households
  - Adverse financial impacts of COVID-19
  - Risk of homelessness or housing instability
  - Income based
    - Household income must be at or below 80% of area median income (AMI)
    - AMI depends on how many people live with you and the county you live in

# Area Median Income (AMI) by County

| 80% of the Area Median Monthly Income |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Household Size                        |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Count                                 | 1           | 2           | 3           | 4           | 5           | 6           | 7           | 8           |
| Albany                                | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Big Horn                              | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Campbell                              | \$ 4,383.33 | \$ 5,008.33 | \$ 5,633.33 | \$ 6,258.33 | \$ 6,762.50 | \$ 7,262.50 | \$ 7,762.50 | \$ 8,262.50 |
| Carbon                                | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Converse                              | \$ 3,937.50 | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 5,062.50 | \$ 5,620.83 | \$ 6,070.83 | \$ 6,520.83 | \$ 6,970.83 | \$ 7,420.83 |
| Crook                                 | \$ 3,920.83 | \$ 4,483.33 | \$ 5,041.66 | \$ 5,600.00 | \$ 6,050.00 | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 6,945.83 | \$ 7,395.83 |
| Fremont                               | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Goshen                                | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Hot Springs                           | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Johnson                               | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Laramie                               | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Lincoln                               | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Natrona                               | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Niobrara                              | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Park                                  | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Platte                                | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Sheridan                              | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Sublette                              | \$ 4,520.83 | \$ 5,166.66 | \$ 5,812.50 | \$ 6,454.16 | \$ 6,970.83 | \$ 7,487.50 | \$ 8,004.16 | \$ 8,520.83 |
| Sweetwater                            | \$ 4,212.50 | \$ 4,812.50 | \$ 5,412.50 | \$ 6,012.50 | \$ 6,495.83 | \$ 6,975.00 | \$ 7,458.33 | \$ 7,937.50 |
| Teton                                 | \$ 4,579.16 | \$ 5,233.33 | \$ 5,887.50 | \$ 6,541.66 | \$ 7,066.66 | \$ 7,591.66 | \$ 8,112.50 | \$ 8,637.50 |
| Uinta                                 | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Washakie                              | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Weston                                | \$ 3,991.66 | \$ 4,562.50 | \$ 5,133.33 | \$ 5,700.00 | \$ 6,158.33 | \$ 6,612.50 | \$ 7,070.83 | \$ 7,525.00 |

# Who can apply?

- Renters can apply
- Landlords can apply, but only with the renter's permission in writing



# When and where can I apply?

- Applications are not yet available
- Goal: Accept applications in April 2021
- Online, internet based filing from a computer or smartphone
- Application assistance

# What will the application process look like?

- Online through the internet
- Fastest and best way will be to apply online
- Local community resources available to assist individuals unable to apply online
- Different process than WCDA assistance applications

# What documents will be required?

A finalized list will be available when application goes live

- Proposed documents may include:
  - Copy of lease
  - Utility bills and most recent account statement
  - Income documents, such as:
    - Documentation of unemployment benefits
    - 2020 tax filing
    - Most recent pay stubs, covering a two-month period

# Additional Documentation

- Additional Documentation may include
  - Past due notices
  - Eviction notices
  - Proof of significant costs or financial hardship related to COVID-19 (medical bills, child care, etc.)

# What can renters do now?

- Sign up for ERAP updates at [dfs.wyo.gov](https://dfs.wyo.gov)
- Start looking at the documentation requirements and make a plan for collecting them.
- Share ERAP information with your landlord and let them know you intend to apply as soon as applications become available.

# What does a landlord need to do?

- Sign up for ERAP updates at [dfs.wyo.gov](https://dfs.wyo.gov)
- Watch for future stakeholder/partner meetings
- Share ERAP information with your renters
- Start to plan how you can help your renters, or apply on their behalf, when the applications become available

# What about people with a mortgage?

- Under federal law this program is only available to household renters (not including commercial renters)
- Contact 2-1-1 for information on other assistance that may be available in your area.

# How can my organization get involved?

- Sign up for ERAP updates at [dfs.wyo.gov](https://dfs.wyo.gov)
- Watch for future stakeholder/partner meetings
- Help eligible clients gather necessary documentation



# Community Input via Survey

- Community Input will help shape the application process and communication plan.
- Please complete the ERAP Survey located at [dfs.wyo.gov](https://dfs.wyo.gov)

# Helpful Links for More information

- DFS ERAP Program <https://dfs.wyo.gov/assistance-programs/emergency-rental-assistance-program-erap/>
- Area Median Monthly Income Table <https://dfs.wyo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/AMI.png>
- 2-1-1 <https://wy211.communityos.org/>

# Questions?

