

# New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program assists households behind on their rent that have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. In addition, the program can provide temporary rental assistance and assistance with unpaid utility bills.

## DO I QUALIFY?

Eligible residents must meet the following criteria:

- Household gross income at or below 80 percent of area median income, for Madison County see below table:

	HH1	HH2	HH3	HH4	HH5	HH6	HH7	HH8
80%	44,550	50,900	57,250	63,600	68,700	73,800	78,900	84,000
50%	27,850	31,800	35,800	39,750	42,950	46,150	49,300	52,500

- A member of the household received unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant costs or experienced financial hardship, directly or indirectly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The applicant owes past due rent at their current residence.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

This assistance can pay up to 12 months of past due rent and for some households, pay up to 3 months for future rent. The program can also pay for up to 12 months of overdue electric or gas bills. Please note, payments will always be issued directly to the landlord or utility provider.

## HOW CAN I APPLY?

Applications can be submitted online beginning June 1.

### Local Community Organization Information:



Madison County  
Department of Social Services

For more information, call: 315-366-2211

For more information, visit [otda.ny.gov/ERAP](https://otda.ny.gov/ERAP) or call **844-NY1RENT** (844-691-7368)



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