

Prince George's County

# Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

Update: December 7, 2021

# Overview & Status Update

# County ERAP Funds to Date – *December 3<sup>rd</sup> update*

- **\$27.1M ERA 1** directly through Treasury
  - over 91% spent, request for additional funds submitted
- **\$27M ERA 1** through State of Maryland
  - over 84% spent
  - **\$20M ERA 1 additional** through State of Maryland – *(agreement underway)*
- **\$30.5M ERA 2** America Rescue Plan Act
- County application portal opened **March 4, 2021**

# County ERAP Funds to Date – *December 3<sup>rd</sup> update*

	ERA 1 Treasury	ERA 1 MD	ERA 1 MD Additional (New)	ERA 2 ARP Treasury	TOTAL
Rent (Includes Landlord Paid Utilities)	\$22,311,320.30	\$20,929,120.19	\$0.00	\$1,306,564.60	\$44,547,005.09
Utilities (Paid Directly to Utility Companies)	\$37,745.41	\$98,660.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,406.29
Total Spent (12/3/2021)	\$22,349,065.71	\$21,027,781.07	\$0.00	\$1,306,564.60	\$44,683,411.38
Budget for Rent & Utility Payments	\$24,454,613.34	\$24,871,628.68	\$18,400,000.00	\$26,006,687.21	\$93,732,929.22
Available / Unspent Assistance	\$2,105,547.63	\$3,843,847.61	\$18,400,000.00	\$24,700,122.61	\$49,049,517.84

- Additional \$20M of ERA 1 from the State of MD – agreement underway
- Submitted application for additional ERA 1 funds from Treasury
- Anticipate additional ERA 2 funds from the State

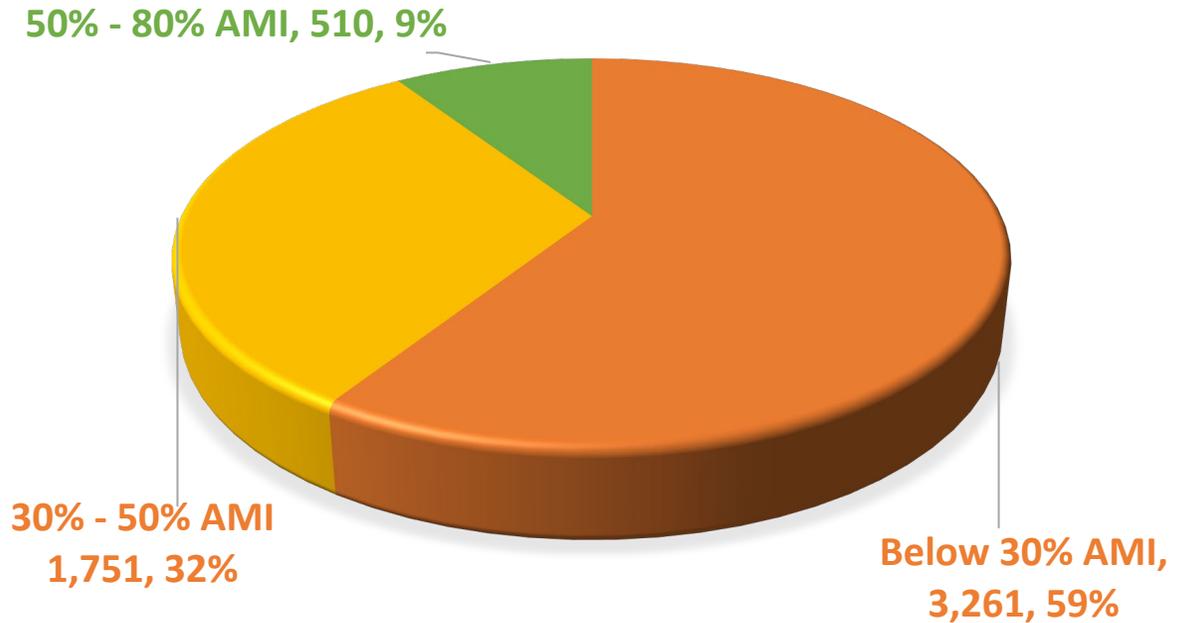
# Current Assistance and Projected Needs - *December 3<sup>rd</sup> update*

## Landlord Applications - 1173

- 547 Funded
- 207 Under Review
- 340 Pending
- 72 Ineligible / Duplicate
- 7 No response

## Tenant Applications - 9407

- 1091 Funded
- 1479 Under Review
- 6495 Pending
- 339 Ineligible or Duplicate
- 3 No response



**5,522** Households Assisted

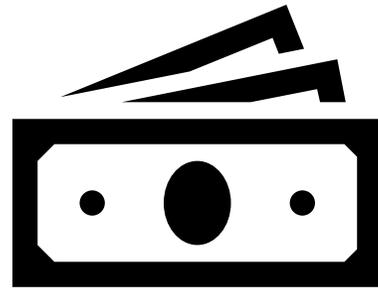
**\$44.7M** in Payments

# Application Framework & Process

# Assistance Eligibility & Requirements



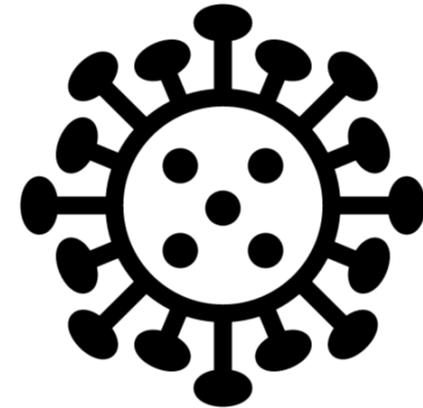
**RENTER**



**UP TO 80%  
AREA MEDIA  
INCOME**



**HOUSING  
INSTABILITY  
(PAST DUE  
RENT OR  
UTILITIES)**



**HARDSHIP DUE  
OR DURING  
COVID-19**

# Current Requirements

## Application Period

Launched March 4, 2021

## Eligibility

Up to 80% of Area Median Income (AMI)  
Prioritizing HHs with Income up to 50% AMI

## Who Can Apply?\*

Landlord/Owner/Tenant(s)

## What is Covered?

- Rent
- Utilities
- Fees

NEW: Up to 18 months of arrearages, not occurring prior to April 2020  
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Non punitive fees associated with living in the property

## Tenant Documentation Requirements \*\*

Verification of Household Income, COVID-19 Pandemic Hardship Attestation, Client Authorization Form, Current Leasing Agreement or Month to Month Agreement, and Current Rental Ledger indicating arrearages

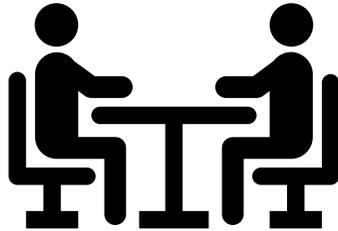
## Waiver – Back End

**Yes. Waive any Self-Help Measures for a Period of 90 days following Receipt of the Rental Assistance Payments. Withdraw or dismiss any previously-filed proceeding(s)**

# ERAP Framework



**APPLICATION  
PORTAL**



**INTAKE  
SPECIALISTS**



**REVIEWERS**



**HOTLINE**



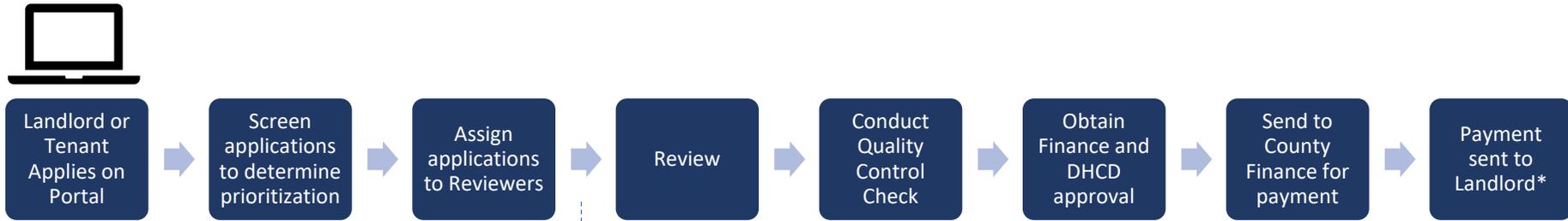
**PARTNERS**



**OUTREACH &  
COMMUNICATIONS**



# Application Process Overview



Intake happens here



Community Partners (8) intake available for tenants; OCR with In-Field Intake Specialists and Community Fairs target tenants with court notices and eviction writs

Expedite applications that have court notices, shutoffs



**Current team - 37**

Hotline: 7

Intake specialists: 11

Review and Quality Control: 23

Accounting: 7

**Recent and forthcoming changes:**

Nonprofit partners have started reviewing &

DHCD is onboarding additional temp staff support

\*Pay tenant if landlord unresponsive or declines to participate

# Prioritization Criteria and Methodology

Landlord application, Census Tracts of greatest vulnerability

## Housing Stress

- Rent burden: 50% of income, Overcrowded: 1.5 people per room

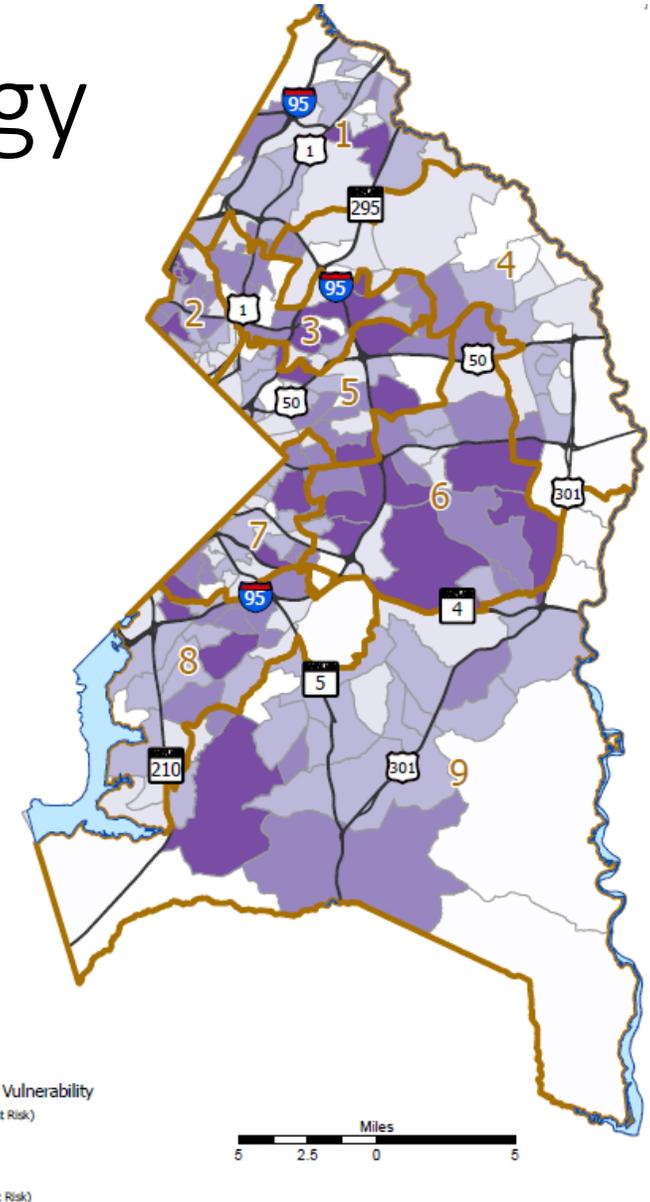
## Social Factors

- African-American and Latino population, population below poverty, number of single parent households (HH)

## Pandemic Effect

- Confirmed COVID-19 cases, employment in fields with layoff risk

Tenant applications prioritized based on Court proceedings



# Community Partners



Prince George's county  
Office of Community Relations

*connecting people, connecting resources*



**CLS** COMMUNITY  
LEGAL SERVICES  
OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, INC.



Housing  
Initiative  
Partnership



All applications submitted until Dec 15<sup>th</sup>  
will be reviewed

ERAP Hotline: 301-883-6504 \* 9

Apply Here (until Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm):  
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3703/Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Program>