

COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) - UPDATE CERA II

The State of Michigan's COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program ("the Program") is designed to keep Michigan residents who fell behind on their rent and utilities during the COVID-19 pandemic in their homes.

CERA can serve renter households that have incomes less than 80% of Area Median Income who meet the following conditions:

- Individual(s) in the household has qualified for unemployment benefits or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or has experienced other financial hardship due directly or indirectly to the coronavirus outbreak; and
- Individual(s) in the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability evidenced by a past due utility or rent notice.

CERA II will no longer accept utility only applications. If you only need assistance with utilities, you can apply for State Emergency Relief (SER). Rental Arrears must be prior to December 30, 2021.

If you have additional questions or need help with the application:

1-888-441-1742

ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL IS AVAILABLE www.oaklandhomeless.org/cera

Renters will need the following documents/items (e.g., copies, pictures, screenshots, etc.) and a CERA Application:

- Copy of past-due rent notice, a notice to quit or a court ordered summons, complaint or judgement.
- Copy of state ID or passport for the tenant applicant
- Most current copy of lease agreement in tenant's name (if a written lease was completed).
- Provide all proof of earned and unearned income for household members that live at the property and that are over the age of 18.
- Copy of ALL utility statements the tenant is responsible for, if applicable.

Landlords will need to provide:

- Completed CERA Landlord Application
- Copy of the lease (if a written lease was completed)
- Ledger showing tenant's payment history in 2021 and 2022
- W-9

You can drop off your application at the following agencies:

- OLHSA; 196 Cesar E. Chavez Ave, Pontiac MI, 48342
- Lighthouse MI; 18505 W 12 Mile Rd, Lathrup Village, MI 48076
- Community Housing Network; 5505 Corporate Dr #300, Troy, MI 48098

