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COUNTY OF HAWAII

RENT *and* UTILITIES

CAN HELP PAY FOR:

**RENT
HOUSEHOLD UTILITIES
SUPPORTED FOR 12 MONTHS**

WHO CAN QUALIFY:

- Hawaii County Residents
- At least 18 years old
- COVID Income or Job Loss
- Proof of Late Rent, Eviction Notice or Utilities Bills
- Household Income Limits at or below 80% AMI

DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR

ALL HOUSEHOLD

MEMBERS:

- Government Issued ID
- Rent Agreement or Bill
- 1040 Federal Tax Return for 2020
- Recent Pay Stubs
- Unemployment Insurance Receipt or PUA Approval letter

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OR CONTACT ONE OF YOUR
COMMUNITY AGENCIES:

LANDLORDS MAY APPLY
ON BEHALF OF RENTERS
WITH THEIR PERMISSION



NEIGHBORHOOD
PLACE OF PUNA

PROGRAM OPENS APRIL 12



Local Nonprofits Partner to Launch the Hawai'i County Emergency Rental Assistance Program for Hawai'i Island Households Impacted by COVID-19

[Hilo, HI] – Seven local nonprofit organizations joined today to announce the launch of the Hawai'i County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). Program applications will be available starting Monday, April 12th, at 8 am.

ERAP nonprofit partners are encouraging Hawai'i Island residents who are at least 18 years old and lost income due to COVID-19 to prepare ahead to apply when applications open.

ERAP is funded by the County of Hawai'i through federal funding and will provide rent and utility grants to an estimated 3,400 households that income qualify and can prove hardship due to COVID-19 for each month they receive assistance from March 2020 to December 2021. Funding will be limited to households' primary residence on Hawai'i Island. Households will be limited to 12 months of total grant assistance.

The Hawai'i County ERAP will be led by local nonprofit community development financial institution, Hawai'i Community Lending. Six Hawai'i Island-based nonprofit partners will process applications and payments will be made directly to landlords, property managers, or utility providers. Approved applicants will also have access to financial counseling and other housing stability services.

ERAP nonprofit partners include:

- HOPE Services Hawai'i (HOPE)
- Hawai'i First Federal Credit Union (HFFCU)
- Neighborhood Place of Puna (NPP)
- Habitat for Humanity Hawai'i Island (HFHHI)
- The Salvation Army (TSA)
- Hawai'i County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC)

"We are honored to be able to provide relief to our local families by alleviating some of the financial pressures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Hawai'i County Mayor Mitch Roth. "With the help of local nonprofit organizations, we will keep the roofs over the heads of 3,400 households, and that, to me, is something pretty special. Through continued partnerships and the community's support, we can and will thrive through this pandemic – together!"

Go Online or Contact Any Nonprofit Partner to Apply Starting April 12th

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Households who have been impacted, directly or indirectly, by COVID-19 and are past due on their rent and/or utilities should apply through one of the nonprofit partners. Persons without internet access or a computer are encouraged to call one of the ERAP nonprofit partners to request a paper application or complete an application over the phone. See above for more information on how to apply.

ERAP Qualifications

To qualify for rent or utility assistance grants starting April 12th, applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a Hawai'i Island resident
- At least 18 years old
- Lost income due to COVID-19, and
- 2020 or current annual gross household income at or below 80% of area median income for the number of members in their household. See chart right to determine if your household income qualifies.

# Household Members	Annual Household Income Maximum
1	\$46,720
2	\$53,360
3	\$60,000
4	\$66,640
5	\$72,000
6	\$77,360
7	\$82,640
8	\$88,000

ERAP will give priority households at or below 50% of area median income with household members who have been unemployed for 90 days preceding the date of the application.

Required Documents

Applicants will be required to submit the following documents with their applications starting April 12th to be considered for rent or utility assistance:

Proof of Resident and Age

- Copy of photo ID

Income Documents for ALL household members (provide all that apply)

- 30 days most recent pay stubs
- 2 months most recent business bank statements (if self-employed)
- Unemployment or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefit letter
- Public benefit statements

Housing

- Copy of rental lease/contract

Proof of Hardship (provide 1 of the following)

- 30 days of paystubs for February 2020
- Unemployment or PUA approval letter
- Letter from employer verifying job loss or reduced work hours
- Business bank statements for January and February 2020 (if self-employed)

Housing Assistance Need (provide 1 of the following)

- Past due rent notice
- Eviction notice
- Past due utility notice

For more information or to apply, contact one of the ERAP nonprofit partners listed above.