

# COVID EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE



**Have you lost income due to COVID-19?**

**Struggling to make rent and utility payments?**

## How can the CERA Program help?

*This rental assistance program can help those struggling with past due rents and utility payments. Read below to find out more on requirements for eligibility and documents required to apply.*

### Who is eligible?

You may be eligible for the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program if you meet all the following conditions:

1. You are currently in a rental unit
2. Have a documented amount of past-due rent or utilities from after March 13th.
3. Have a gross household income below 80% area median income (AMI), for the area (See table below)
4. Have experienced an eligible COVID hardship since March 13, 2020.
5. A lease agreement in the tenant's name if a written lease was completed (Verbal leases may qualify but will need additional documentation)

### What you will need to apply:

- Copy of past-due rent notice, a notice to quit or a court ordered summons, complaint or judgement
- Copy of state ID for the tenant applicant (with proof of residency if address does not match the unit) or other photo ID
- Most current copy of lease agreement in tenant's name (if a written lease was completed)
  - If working with a verbal lease, additional documentation may be requested
- Provide all proof of earned and unearned income for household members that live at the property & are over the age of 18
  - Household income/benefits (unemployment, SSI, etc.) for one month OR Copy of submitted 2020 IRS form 1040 (first 2 pages)
  - Food Assistance Program Notice of Case Action form (only for 3 or less people in household)
- Copy of ALL utility statements, if applicable
- Copy of Internet bill/statement, if applicable
- COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Owner/Landlord Application and required documents (Owner/Landlord may also submit separately)
- Supporting documentation for proof of COVID Hardship (only one hardship is necessary)

# in Household	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
80%	\$44,240	\$50,560	\$56,880	\$63,200	\$68,320	\$73,360	\$78,400	\$83,440

To apply: contact SMCAA at 269-605-4526 or online at <https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,4641,7-141-5555-533463--,00.html>