



NLIHC's HoUSed Campaign for
Long-Term Housing Solutions

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Update on Emergency Rental Assistance Programs

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Emergency Rental Assistance

Updates on tracking and initial findings

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Revised Resources



Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Programs

Use the search bar to find programs in your area. If you cannot find a city or county program, your state, territory, or tribal program may be able to serve you. If you cannot find any program in your area, call 2-1-1 or your local housing authority for assistance.

SEARCH STATE, TERRITORY, TRIBE, OR LOCALITY

Search for the city or county you reside in; if you don't see a program for your locality, you should search for your state, territory, or tribe, as applicable.

346 programs were found.

State / Territory	Communities Served	Program	Program Status
Alabama		Emergency Rental Assistance Alabama	Accepting applications
Alabama	Baldwin County	Baldwin County Emergency Rental Assistance Program	Accepting applications
Alabama	Birmingham	Birmingham Emergency Rental Assistance Program	Accepting applications
Alabama	Huntsville	City of Huntsville COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program	Accepting applications
Alabama	Mobile County	Mobile County Treasury Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance	Accepting applications
Alabama	Mowa Choctaw Housing Authority	Mowa Choctaw Emergency Rental Assistance	Accepting applications

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

ERA Dashboard

Rental Assistance

Resource Hub

As of May 24th, NLIHC is tracking 995 programs, over 374 of which are from the Treasury ERA program.

The ERA Treasury program includes: 50 States + D.C., 382 cities/counties, 301 Tribal govts. and 6 Territories/Entities

Rental Assistance resources available at: <https://nlihc.org/rental-assistance>

Latest Updates*



ERA Treasury Programs in Database	374
Jurisdictions Represented	65%
Opened Programs	346
State Programs	49
County Programs	154
City Programs	49
Territory/Tribal Govt/Other	95
Closed Programs	18
State Programs	0
County Programs	13
City Programs	4
Territory/Tribal Govt/Other	1

50 STATE
228 CITY/COUNTY
96 TERRITORY/TRIBAL GOVT.

\$ REPRESENTING
\$21.684 billion

Open	Not Yet Open
Alabama, Alaska*, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, D.C., Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming	New York and North Dakota: TBD (estimated May end)
*currently closed, may reopen	

*NLIHC updates these numbers each week. If you are aware of a program not included in our database, please contact nnair@nlihc.org or ryae@nlihc.org

Key Issues in Programs



Currently tracking:

- Use of self-attestation
- Direct-to-tenant assistance
- Serving tenants with federal rent subsidies

Upcoming indicators:

- Other housing services provided
- Statewide spending

Treasury ERA Dashboard



Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Dashboard

374

Treasury ERA programs in database

Programs open or soon to open [?] **356**

Programs closed [?] **18**

Share of programs closed [?] **4.81%**

156

Programs allowing Self-attestation [?]

[See Programs](#)

Self-attestation for COVID hardships [?] **112**

Self-attestation for income [?] **42**

Self-attestation for non-traditional income [?] **59**

Self-attestation for housing instability [?] **31**

Self-attestation for lease/ proof of tenancy [?] **12**

87

Programs allowing direct-to-tenant assistance [?]

[See Programs](#)

58

Programs with additional prioritization [?]

[See Programs](#)

121

Programs serving households with federal rent subsidy [?]

[See Programs](#)

ERA Resource Hub (*now live!*)

ERA Resource Hub available at: <https://nlihc.org/resource-hub>



Self-Attestation Forms



Recent Treasury guidance strongly discourages burdensome documentation requirements. The ERA Resource Hub provides alternative ways to verify eligibility, including self-attestation. These forms provide examples of how ERA Treasury programs are allowing applicants to attest to experiencing hardship, having an income less than 80% AMI, experiencing housing instability, and the tenant/landlord relationship in the absence of a lease.

Self-Attestation Forms

Program Location	Link
Washington	ERA Resources - Self-Attestation Multiple - Washington
Wyoming	ERA Resources - Self-Attestation Multiple - Wyoming
Mississippi	ERA Resources - Self-Attestation Multiple - Mississippi
Mississippi	ERA Resources - Self-Attestation Multiple - Mississippi
Minnesota	ERA Resources - Self-Attestation Multiple - Minnesota
Mississippi	ERA Resources - Self-Attestation Multiple - Mississippi
West Virginia	ERA Resources - Self-Attestation Multiple - West Virginia
Minnesota	ERA Resources - Self-Attestation Multiple - Minnesota

Program Dashboards



Program data dashboards on the ERA Resource Hub allow program corrections and corrections programs are providing real-time data.

Program Dashboards

Program Location	Link
Hawaii County, HI	ERA Resources - Program Dashboard - Hawaii County, HI
Texas	ERA Resources - Program Dashboard - Texas
San Antonio, TX	ERA Resources - Program Dashboard - San Antonio, TX
Fulton County, GA	ERA Resources - Program Dashboard - Fulton County, GA

Evaluation Reports



Program evaluations assess how successful a program was in meeting its stated goals. Evaluations can also identify shortfalls to avoid and successes to apply in future iterations of rental assistance programming. The following provides examples of evaluation reports released by emergency rental assistance administrators.

Evaluation Reports

Program Location	Link
Illinois	ERA Resources - Evaluation - Illinois
King County, WA	ERA Resources - Evaluation - King County
Washington	ERA Resources - Evaluation - Washington
Riverside County, CA	ERA Resources - Evaluation - Riverside County, CA

ERA Resource Hub



The Resource Hub will be regularly updated to include forms/policies/sample language regarding:

1. Self-attestation
2. Direct-to-tenant assistance
3. Prioritization examples
4. Sample applications
5. Program dashboards
6. Evaluation report
7. Outreach materials and toolkits
8. ERA research and reports

Additional categories will be added in the future!

Please e-mail efoley@nlihc.org if you know of resources that could be featured in the hub.



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Thank You!

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STAY DC: ERA FUNDS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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STRONG TOGETHER BY ASSISTING YOU (STAY) DC

- Program launched on April 12th, 2021
 - Primary application system is online
 - Hotline available as well
 - No in-person or paper options
 - Tenants must have access to internet, email, and phone to apply
 - Program is being administered by Deloitte with no clear inclusion of community-based organizations
 - Tenants can receive a total of 15 months of rental and utilities assistance
 - Minimal outreach or campaigns to get tenants to apply
 - There is a 'housing provider' application, but landlords cannot apply on behalf of tenants
 - This tool is more a referral or nudge to get tenants to initiate the application process
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PROGRESS SO FAR

- Several issues with application – language access, collecting Social Security numbers, confusing language
 - Self-certification form published on May 14th
 - Covers housing impact, financial impact, and residency
 - Income is not included on form
 - Data on STAY DC has yet to be made public
 - No information released on numbers of approvals, denials, or geographic spread of applications; only vague numbers released about pending and submitted applications
 - We have heard reports of more than 20,000 initiated applications, only about half have been completed and submitted
 - First approvals came out May 18th, 2021
 - Advocates have not heard of any direct-to-tenant assistance being administered
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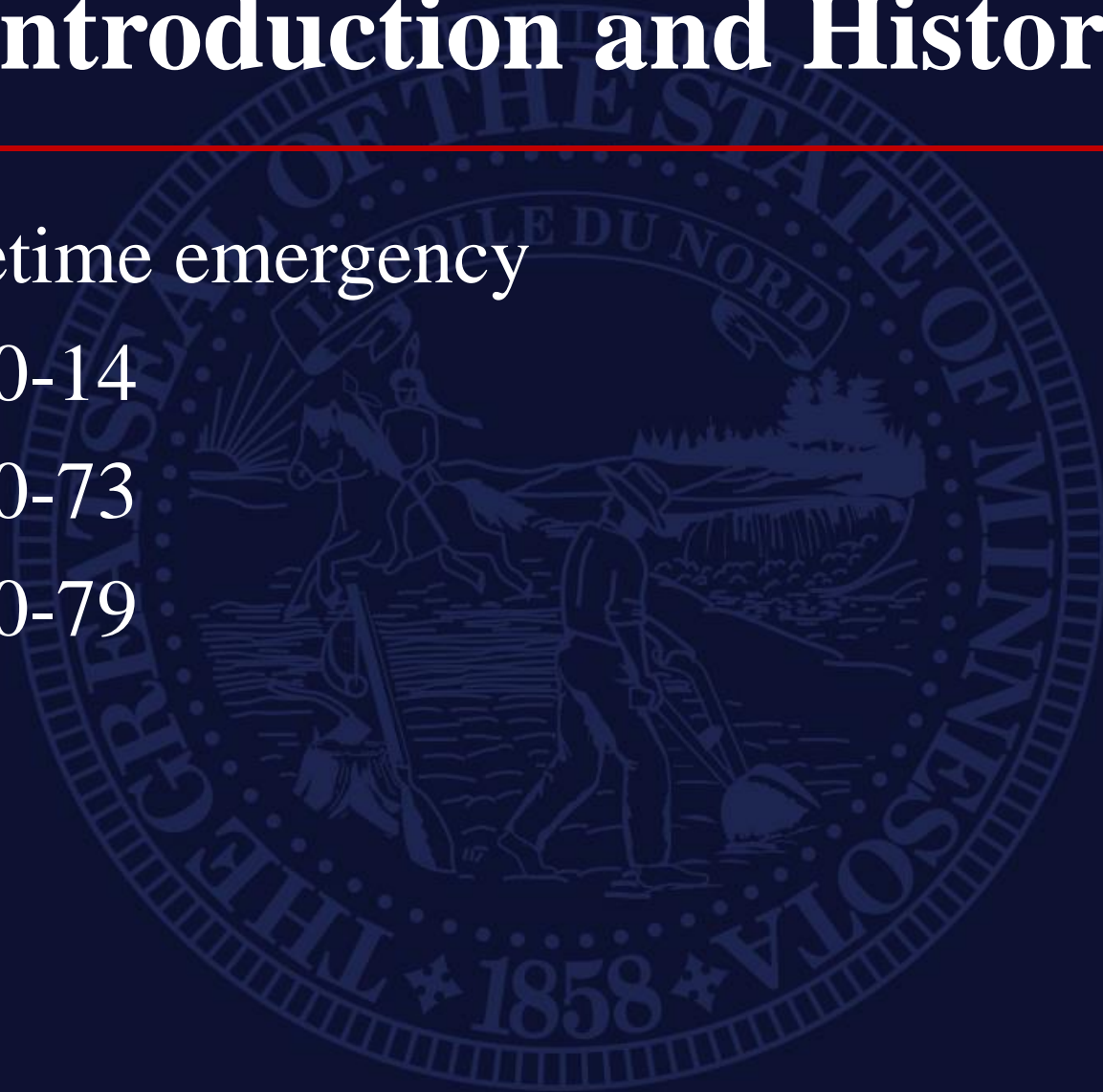
Minnesota Attorney General Eviction Moratorium

Evan Romanoff, Assistant Attorney General

May 24, 2021

Introduction and History

- Peacetime emergency
- EO 20-14
- EO 20-73
- EO 20-79



Attorney General Role

- Enforcement authority
- AGO process
 - Complaint form
 - www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Forms/TenantEvictionComplaint.asp
 - Investigation
 - Litigation

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