



# Lackawanna County

## EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

# ARE YOU BEHIND ON YOUR RENT DUE TO COVID-19?

The Lackawanna County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (Lackawanna ERAP) is a grant program that helps renters who suffered disruption and/or loss of income due to or during the COVID-19 pandemic by assisting with past due rent and utilities.

Residents are encouraged to apply immediately, and will be considered on a first-come, first-qualified and approved basis.

*Assistance is available for financial obligations incurred beginning April 1, 2020.*

People with language and/or physical or related challenges can request assistance with application submission.

**VISIT  
LACKAWANNA-ERAP.COM**

## LACKAWANNA ERAP Qualifications:



Lackawanna County Resident



At or below 80% of the average median income



Experienced hardship due to or during COVID-19 pandemic



Valid form of ID



Apply online at  
[www.lackawanna-erap.com](http://www.lackawanna-erap.com)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:



**272-225-5577**



[info@lackawanna-erap.com](mailto:info@lackawanna-erap.com)

The Lackawanna Emergency Rental Assistance Program helps renters who suffered disruption and/or loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic by assisting with past due rent and utilities.

### How Does the Program Work?

- Lackawanna ERAP will pay for past due rent and utilities. Past due rent can go as far back as April 1, 2020.
- No more than one (1) application per household.
- Grant funds are paid directly to your landlord/property manager and utility company on your behalf.
- Funds will be distributed on a “first come, first qualified and approved” basis until program funds are depleted.
- Eligible applicants must earn 80% or less of Area Median Income (AMI) for household size. (See below)
- Priority for processing will be given to households earning less than 50% AMI and/or households with at least one (1) person unemployed who has an active claim with the Office of Unemployment Compensation for at least the 90 days prior to the date of their Full Application for emergency rental assistance, and/or facing eviction as evidenced by a docket number.
- People with language and/or physical or related challenges can request assistance with application submission by calling **272-225-5577**.

### How Can I/We Qualify for Assistance?

1. Household income must be no more than 80% of Area Median Income. Priority will be given to households at or below 50% AMI.

HUD INCOME LIMITS 2021 LACKAWANNA COUNTY								
Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Very Low Income (50%)	\$24,750	\$28,250	\$31,800	\$35,300	\$38,150	\$40,950	\$43,800	\$46,600
Low Income (80%)	\$39,550	\$45,200	\$50,850	\$56,500	\$61,050	\$65,550	\$70,100	\$74,600

2. Must provide evidence of disruption and/or loss due to COVID-19 pandemic such as: Qualified for unemployment benefits during the pandemic or can attest in writing that you or a member of your household has experienced a reduction of income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the pandemic; **and**
3. Can demonstrate a risk of housing instability and/or homelessness such as a past due utility or rent notice or eviction notice.

### How Do I/We Apply?

Register at [lackawanna-erap.com](http://lackawanna-erap.com). The application has three parts:

1. Register so we can verify your residency in Lackawanna County, your email and phone number.
2. When it is time for you to submit a Full Application you will be notified.
3. A Case Manager will contact you with instructions for how to upload verification documents such as:
  - Photo Identification
  - Evidence of Income Loss
  - Lease
  - Evidence of Past Due Utilities

If you have questions, please email:

[info@lackawanna-erap.com](mailto:info@lackawanna-erap.com) or call: **272-225-5577**.

**Apply early because funds are limited! Application Specialists are available to help you.**

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