



LANDLORDS & RENTERS

Texas Coronavirus Relief Bill Rental Assistance Program

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has received approximately \$1.3 billion in Emergency Rental Assistance funds from the newly passed Coronavirus Relief Bill.

Accepting applications from landlords and tenants beginning
February 15th
8 a.m. CST

For Information and to Apply

Assistance is available in multiple languages.

833-9TX-RENT

Toll Free 833-989-7368

[TexasRentRelief.com](https://www.TexasRentRelief.com)



Texas Coronavirus Relief Bill Rental Assistance Program administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Providing false, incomplete, or inaccurate information on application forms or seeking assistance for months in which assistance has been or will be provided, may result in up to 5 years of imprisonment and for each occurrence a fine of up to \$10,000. | Other program limitations and eligibility requirements apply, not all households may be eligible. See [TexasRentRelief.com](https://www.TexasRentRelief.com) for details. | Funds may no longer be available by the time a household applies.

What costs does the program cover?

The Texas Rent Relief Program can help renters with the following costs starting as far back as March 13, 2020:

- Past due, current and up to 3 months of expected rent costs
- Past due, current and up to 3 months of expected utility and home energy expenses
- After the initial 3 months of forward assistance, you can apply for 3 additional months of assistance if funds are still available

Who is eligible?

- Households must have incomes at or below 80% of the Area Median Income
- **AND** One or more of the tenant household members has:
 - Qualified for unemployment benefits;
 - OR attests in writing that due to or during the pandemic they have:
 - Experienced a reduction in household income,
 - Incurred significant costs, or
 - Experienced financial hardship
- **AND** Households must also demonstrate they:
 - Are at risk of homelessness or housing instability by providing an eviction notice or past-due utility or rent notice; OR
 - Live in unsafe or unhealthy housing conditions

Eviction Diversion

A portion of the funds have been reserved for households whose landlords have already sued for eviction in their local court. The application process is the same, and only households in this situation can receive this funding.

Statewide vs. Local Programs

The Coronavirus Relief Bill Rental Assistance program provided federal funds to both states and local communities. While Texas residents are allowed to apply for assistance under both programs, they are prohibited from accepting assistance more than once for the same unit for the same months of assistance.

TDHCA's Response to COVID-19

The TDHCA response to the COVID-19 pandemic includes:

- Funding for Texans affected by COVID-19,
- Guidance for TDHCA-funded properties and administrators, and
- Housing resources and information for the general public.



As of Dec. 2020, TDHCA distributed approximately \$32.8 million through such programs as those funded through the CARES Act including the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG-CV), the Community Services Block Grants (CSBG), the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (CEAP), the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG-CV), and programs not associated with the CARES Act, but with which TDHCA promptly reprogrammed funding for pandemic-response purposes including the HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance (HOME TBRA) Program and the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP).