

Subject: Texas Rent Relief Program: Additional Funding Allocated to TRR and Other Updates 2022-04-05

The Texas Rent Relief (TRR) Program wishes to share these program updates for Landlords, Tenants, Utility Providers, and other interested stakeholders:

1. ADDITIONAL FUNDING ALLOCATED TO TRR

- On March 14, 2022, the U.S. Department of Treasury released a second round of ERA1 reallocation amounts, with the Texas Rent Relief (TRR) Program to receive an additional \$47.8M. While these new funds have been allocated to the TRR Program, the funds have not yet been received and it is unclear when exactly they will become available for assistance.
- Prior to closing the application portal in November, applications that had been submitted exceeded available funds. With the reallocated funds, TRR will continue to review and process the applications already on file until all funds are allocated. Eviction applications will continue to be prioritized.
- Unfortunately, even with the additional funding, not everyone who has a TRR application on file will receive assistance. On 04/01/2022, the TRR Program emailed all applicants who will not be funded with the new additional funding a final letter, letting them know they will not be funded.
- TRR will not be accepting new applications for assistance at this time.
- If Treasury reallocates additional funding to the state in the future, previously submitted applications will continue to remain on file and will be reviewed and processed until all funds are distributed.
- For ongoing updates as TRR approaches program closure, visit the TRR announcement page (<https://texasrentrelief.com/announcement/>), which is updated regularly and covers:
 - What Tenants Who Have Pending Applications Can Expect
 - Local Rent & Utility Assistance Programs in Texas
 - Alternative Assistance Options
 - Eviction Prevention Resources
 - Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Closure

2. TRR FAQs UPDATED

- The TRR Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are updated regularly, and FAQs related to returning funds are now posted, see here: <https://texasrentrelief.com/faq/#returning-fundsrecapture>.

3. TEXAS EVICTION DIVERSION PROGRAM (TEDP)

- The Texas Supreme Court Emergency Order establishing the way that Texas Courts administer the Texas Eviction Diversion Program was updated and extended through May 1, 2022, for areas where rental assistance is available. The order is available here: <https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1453714/229015.pdf>.
- For tenants who are sued for eviction: Attorneys can help you understand your rights. If you are facing eviction, we encourage you to seek legal assistance, go to your eviction hearing and stay in

communication with your landlord and the court. Visit <https://texaslawhelp.org/eviction-referral> or call 855-270-7655 for help understanding your options and seeking free or low-cost legal assistance.

4. TDHCA AWARDS ADDITIONAL HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES FUNDS TO TEXAS ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOUNDATION

- Through the Housing Stability Services Program, which is also funded through U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Funds, TDHCA has now committed \$40 million to the Texas Access to Justice Foundation. With these funds, TAJF sub-awardees provide housing-related legal services for TRR Program participants and other Texan tenants facing eviction, housing instability and homelessness. We encourage tenants to visit <https://texaslawhelp.org/eviction-referral> or call 855-270-7655 for help understanding their options and seeking free or low-cost legal assistance.