

RENT AND EVICTION HELP

Actual Rent Money and Legal Help

LEGAL HELP FOR ALL HOUSING PROBLEMS

- NYC tenants without legal representation who receive notices from the court should go to “Housing Court Answers” at housingcourtanswers.org or call **212-962-4795**, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. These are user-friendly resources for COVID-related and other rent and eviction problems.

COVID ECONOMICALLY-RELATED RENT HELP. 1ST TRY THIS. BUT, IF YOUR RENT PROBLEM IS NOT DUE TO COVID PROBLEMS, THERE IS OTHER HELP. SEE INFORMATION BELOW.

- NY State had an eviction moratorium until January 15, 2022. However, each housing court judge will determine on a case-by-case basis if a tenant should be evicted.
- BUT, even if you are not evicted, your back rent is still due. Apply and qualify for rent relief under the “Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)”.
- Residents of NYC are eligible for ERAP if they fit all the following requirements:
 1. Fell behind in rent since the COVID -19 pandemic began in March 2020
 2. Qualified for unemployment benefits or have lost income and/or have an increase in expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic
 3. Have a monthly gross (before taxes) income at or below 80% Area Median Income (\$66,850 for 1 person, \$95,450 for a 4-person family, etc.)
- Apply for ERAP quickly, as money may run out. Go to: otda.ny.gov/erap or call **844-691-7368**. This website tends to be discouraging; apply anyway!
- For the form and more details, visit:

https://www.nycourts.gov/eefpa/PDF/Eviction_Hardship_Declaration-English.pdf

- It was being said that the money for this Covid-related rent program was exhausted. New York State stopped taking requests for rent relief because the \$2.4 billion program was almost out of money. The NYS Governor requested another billion dollars from the Federal government, plus it was found that a good deal of money was unused. So, as we stated above, **APPLY ANYWAY**.

COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

- To schedule an appointment, call the Eviction Prevention Hotline at **888-850-2712** on Wednesday mornings beginning at 9:30 a.m. In order to qualify, individuals must be in court, have a signed court stipulation, and have future ability to pay ongoing rent. Not that many people get appointments, but there is money to help those qualified households who get through.
- If you have questions regarding housing court or your rights, please call the Crisis Intervention hotline at **888-358-2384** or visit

<http://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/our-programs/crisis-services/eviction-prevention/>

THE ONE-SHOT DEAL PROGRAM offers rent payment assistance to those who qualify. A person can apply for this one-time emergency assistance if they are having trouble paying rent due to an unexpected situation or event. Although administered by HRA, a person does not have to be on Temporary Assistance at the time of application.

Call HRA's hotline to get information on their "One-Shot Deal" program: **718-557-1399**.

Or visit [**https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-01104**](https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-01104)

Scroll down to "One Shot Deal."

HOMELESSNESS DIVERSION UNIT may help with back rent for families who DO receive Temporary Assistance. Go to your HRA Job Center or call HRA at 718-557-1399 and ask for the **HOMELESSNESS DIVERSION UNIT**. Ask about the Family Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement (FHEPS) program for families with children.

Information about FHEPS at an organization that may be more user-friendly than HRA:

[**https://newdestinyhousing.org/housing-help/nyc-rental-subsidies/fheps/**](https://newdestinyhousing.org/housing-help/nyc-rental-subsidies/fheps/)

HOMEBASE is a homelessness prevention program administered by Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). They help to prevent eviction with legal and financial help. People are strongly encouraged to call their nearest Homebase location before visiting. Depending on their address and situation, they may be advised to go to a different Homebase office in their borough.

For general information: [**https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/homebase.page**](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/homebase.page)

Visit the following website to plug in your address and find a Homebase Center that will help.

[**https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/homebase-locations.page#Manhattan**](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/homebase-locations.page#Manhattan)