



# Need Help Paying Rent or Utilities?

## Covid-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program



**The CARES ACT** has allocated additional funding to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A portion of these funds have been allocated to Fort Bend County. The County has established a new ERA program, in compliance with federal, state and local guidelines, to provide assistance to eligible households through this new rental assistance program.

If you are a **Fort Bend County** resident and meet income eligibility requirements, you are encouraged to apply for this program. The ERA Program will provide rent and/or utility assistance for up to twelve (12) months, or until funds are exhausted. This is a NEW program, therefore you must apply to be considered.



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## Qualifications:

- Must be a Fort Bend County resident.
- Pre-COVID-19 household income at or below 80% of the area's average median income .
- Inability to pay due to employment loss/reduction or loss of income due to economic impact of COVID-19.
- Unable to pay rent after January 1, 2021
- You have not received rental assistance from any other source for the same period of time as requested from this program.

## Required Documentation:

- Completed application
- Photo ID
- Most recent utility bill (If applicable)
- Current & fully executed (signed) lease agreement
- 1 Pre-COVID paystub (March 2020) & 2 Current paystubs
- TWC statement of benefits received
- Late notice or eviction notice (if applicable)

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