

Mid Shore Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

Financial Assistance

This document provides a brief summary of what ERAP can cover, who is eligible, and how to access the funds in each county for those affected by the public health emergency (COVID-19).

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) provides financial assistance for the following:

- Up to 12 months of overdue rent – going back to March 13, 2020
- Up to 12 months of overdue utility or home energy costs – going back to March 13, 2020
- Up to 3 months of current or future months' rent at a time
- Up to 3 months of current or future months' utility costs at a time
- Housing-related costs due to COVID19 such as relocation assistance, security deposit, rental application fees, accrued late fees

Eligibility includes:

- Legally obligated to pay rent or utility costs
- Have annual household income under 80% of the Area Median Income for their county
- Have a financial hardship directly or indirectly related to COVID-19
- At risk of housing instability

Caroline County (More information found here: <https://www.mrdc.net/our-programs/housing/erap/>)

- Contact the Maryland Rural Development Corporation (MRDC) at (410) 482-4810 or ERAP@mrdc.net
- Link for the online application: <https://forms.mrdc.net/211107320445037>

Dorchester County

- Contact the Dorchester County Local Management Board at 410-228-0281.

Kent County (More information found here: <https://www.mrdc.net/our-programs/housing/erap/>)

- Contact the Maryland Rural Development Corporation (MRDC) at (410) 482-4810 or ERAP@mrdc.net
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Queen Anne's County (More information found here: <https://www.qac.org/154/Housing>)

- Contact Queen Anne's County Department of Housing and Community Services at (410) 758-3977 or email DHCS@qac.org

Talbot County

- Contact the Neighborhood Service Center at (410) 822-5015.