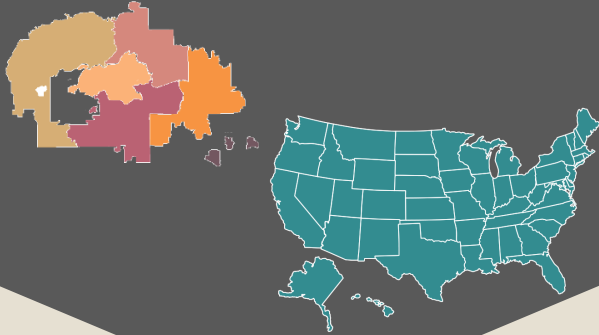


Can I Apply if I Live Outside the Navajo Nation? **YES!**



Application Checklist

- Application
- Outstanding Bill (Invoice), from
 - ◆ Rental Unit's Landlord
 - ◆ Utility Company
- Copy of Current Rental Unit Lease
- Statement by the Landlord as the Verified owner of the Rental Unit
- Proof of Tribal Enrollment for each household member (if applicable).
- Income verification for each member 18 or older
- Documentation, of:
 - ◆ Unemployment benefits
 - ◆ Reduction in household income
 - ◆ Financial hardship
 - ◆ Loss of self-employment/business income

ERAP

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WHERE DO I APPLY ?

1. Online, at:

- ◆ navajohousingauthority.org/erap/
- ◆ ERAP@hooghan.org (email)

OR

2. Applications pick-up available at:

- ◆ 15 Housing Management Offices
- ◆ Window Rock Administration Office

3. Coming soon:

- ◆ On-Line Application Portal

MISSION STATEMENT NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY

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About the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

In December 27, 2020, Public Law 116-20 Consolidation Act authorized Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

What is the Purpose of ERAP?

To provide emergency financial assistance for the payment of rents and utilities, and other expense/costs related to housing for families who directly or indirectly are affected from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

When does the ERA Program End?

September 30, 2022 is the date the U.S. Congress authorized the ERAP Program to expire.

Who Operates the ERAP for the Navajo Nation?

The ERAP was awarded to the Navajo Housing Authority, who administers ERAP with policies and procedures consistent with the intent Public Law 116-20.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can be considered an applicant?

- ◆ an eligible Navajo tribal member and a non-tribal member household occupying a rental dwelling unit
- ◆ be residing in a rental dwelling unit, with an existing lease agreement
- ◆ have an existing utility provider associated with the rental dwelling unit

2. Who is eligible to receive ERAP assistance?

- ◆ One or more individuals within the household, due to the COVID-19 outbreak:
 - ⇒ qualified for unemployment benefits; or
 - ⇒ had a reduction in household income; or
 - ⇒ incurred significant costs, or
 - ⇒ experienced other financial hardship
- ◆ One or more individuals within the household at the risk of homelessness or housing instability;
- ◆ The household has a household income at or below 80% of area median income.

3. How do you determine the risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability?

- ◆ Past due utility or rent notice or eviction notice
- ◆ Unsafe or unhealthy living conditions

4. What types of utilities are allowable?

- ◆ Electricity, gas, water and sewage, fuel oil
- ◆ Utilities that are paid by the landlord will be treated as rent.

5. What are some examples of “other expenses”?

- ◆ Must be related to housing and be incurred directly or indirectly due to COVID-19, such as:
 - ⇒ Relocation expenses
 - ⇒ Rental fees
 - ⇒ Reasonable accrued late fees
 - ⇒ Internet services—vital to distance learning, telemedicine, government services
 - ⇒ Lease to Purchase rents
 - ⇒ Motel/hotel rental costs

6. How far back can expenses be considered?

- ◆ March 13, 2020

7. Can the ERAP assist for payments going forward?

- ◆ Yes, up to three (3) months of assistance is available at a time, certified each time.

8. What kind of information will I be asked for?

- ◆ Address of rental unit;
- ◆ Name and address of landlord and utility provider, as found on invoice
- ◆ Total amount of outstanding rental payments;
- ◆ Household income and number of individuals in the household;
- ◆ If the household have been or will be reimbursed under any other federal assistance program.
- ◆ Lease or Rental Agreement
- ◆ Personal Statement - Letter of Attestation

9. Do I have to live on the Navajo Nation to apply for the ERAP? **No.**

- ◆ The ERAP is available to Navajo individuals living in the continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii.

10. Where do I apply?

- ◆ Obtain application from:
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- ◆ Email for application at:
ERAP@hooghan.org
- ◆ NHA Housing Management Offices (15)
- ◆ Window Rock Administration Office