

Butler County
Emergency Rental Assistance Program
Information Sheet
Program Start Date: March 29, 2021

- Butler County has received \$12,355,148 for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which will open for Butler County residents on **Monday, March 29th at 8:30am.**
- The program will be run by the Center for Community Resources.
- The purpose of the program is to ensure housing stability for eligible Butler County residents who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The program can provide financial assistance to pay past due rent and/or utility costs up to 12 months for expenses incurred after March 13, 2020.
- Online applications are now being accepted through the State COMPASS website, www.compass.state.pa.us (a COMPASS account/log-in is not necessary to submit an application for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program).
- Paper applications can be printed from a link on the COMPASS website under the Emergency Rental Assistance Program or you can request that one be mailed to you by calling Butler County Human Services at (724) 284-5114. The link to the English version is [ENG-PA 600 ERA.pdf](#). Please note that the application is available in multiple other languages.
- Once the program opens on the 29th, people who need help completing the application will be able to contact CCR and get that help. The number to call is **844-360-4372**. Also, we are actively distributing this information to providers and asking that they directly assist people if they need help.
- 211 will be provided with this information so individuals who call them seeking rental or utility assistance can be referred directly to Center for Community Resources.
- Residents who submit an application through the COMPASS website before the program start date of March 29th will be contacted prior to that date with information about required documentation and to schedule an appointment.
- Beginning on March 29th, applications will be accepted in 3 ways:
 - Through the State COMPASS website, www.compass.state.pa.us (a COMPASS account/log-in is not necessary to submit an application for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program)

- By mail to Center for Community Resources (212-214 S. Main St., Ste 625, Butler, PA 16001)
- In person at Center for Community Resources (212-214 S. Main St., Ste 625, Butler, PA 16001)
- All applications, including those submitted on the COMPASS website before March 29th, will be reviewed and processed in the order they are received beginning on March 29th.
- Eligibility criteria for this program includes:
 - U.S. citizen, or qualified noncitizen with an unexpired immigration status;
 - Renter in Butler County (other counties have programs for their residents);
 - Obligation to pay rent on a residential dwelling or utility and home energy obligations;
 - One or more members of the household who qualified for unemployment benefits, experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19;
 - One or more members of the household who demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability (meaning they have a past due utility or rent notice or eviction notice; unsafe or unhealthy living conditions exist; or there is other evidence of such risk, such as past due rental payments); and
 - An annual or monthly income that is no more than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for the household size.

***Verification of each of these eligibility criteria will be required before assistance can be provided.**

Annual Area Median Income (80%)

1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People	7 People	8 People
\$46,500	\$53,150	\$59,800	\$66,400	\$71,750	\$77,050	\$82,350	\$87,650

For additional information and/or questions, please contact Amanda Feltenberger, Butler County Human Services at (724) 284-5114 or afeltenb@co.butler.pa.us .