



RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

Michigan’s COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program can help renters pay past due rent and utilities

Tenants can apply for up to 12 months of rental assistance, and up to 3 months of future rent payments

A \$300 stipend is also available for internet payments

Who is eligible?

You may be eligible for the CERA program if your household meets the following:

- 1) Household income is below 80% area median income (AMI). See the table below for income limits based on household size.

| Household size | 1 person | 2 people | 4 people | 6 people | 8 people |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Income limit (80% AMI) | \$44,000 | \$50,240 | \$62,800 | \$72,880 | \$82,960 |

- 2) Have experienced an eligible COVID19 hardship since March 13, 2020
 - Member of household qualified for unemployment
 - Member of household has had at least a 10% reduction in income
 - Member of household has incurred significant costs (over \$500)
- 3) Household can demonstrate risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability evidenced by a past due utility or rent notice

Who can apply?

- Renters who are behind on rent and/or utilities and have a past due notice
- Renters with a court order summons, complaint, or judgment

IF YOU ARE BEHIND ON RENT OR UTILITIES:

Call (866) 313-2520

or visit [DetroitEvictionHelp.com](https://www.detroitevictionhelp.com)

to complete an online application



STEPS TO TAKE IF YOU ARE FACING EVICTION

1. Stay put

An eviction notice is not an eviction order. Only courts have the legal authority to evict tenants. Do not vacate your rental property.

2. Apply for rental assistance and contact free legal aid

Call (866) 313-2520 or visit [DetroitEvictionHelp.com](https://detroitrentercity.com/DetroitEvictionHelp.com) to access free legal counsel and to apply for rental assistance.

3. Protect yourself under the federal eviction moratorium

If you are facing eviction for unpaid rent to your landlord, assert your right to remain in the property until July 31st by filling out the CDC declaration form: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/EvictionDeclare_d508.pdf and delivering a copy of it to your landlord (keep a copy for your records).

4. Attend any and all court hearings

If you received a summons from the 36th district court it should include the date and time of your hearing and instructions for how to attend. Your hearing is likely scheduled to take place remotely (online via “Zoom” or by phone, rather than in person). You can look up your case online at: dapps.36thdistrictcourt.org/ROAWEBINQ/

5. Defend your home if necessary

Regardless of what happens in court, know that there are people willing to stand with you if you are willing to fight your eviction and keep you and your family safely housed.

Contact Detroit Eviction Defense for support:
detroitevictiondefense@gmail.com, (313) 530-0216