



**EMERGENCY RENTAL  
RELIEF PROGRAM**  
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**LANDLORDS:**

**\*\* Due to the overwhelming number of applications, there is a delay in application processing. Applications are processed in the order they are received from oldest to newest. The ERAP review team is working diligently to get all applications processed as quickly as possible. \*\***

**Can a landlord apply directly to ERAP?**

No. The program is a Tenant/Landlord based program which is driven by the tenant's income. Landlords must register on our portal in order to receive the awarded funding. To register please go to [BergenCountyCares.org](http://BergenCountyCares.org) and click on the apply now link.

**I do not have a W-9, can I still receive the awarded ERAP payment?**

No. All landlords are required to supply a W-9 form in order to receive payment. The W-9 form ensures that tax documents sent at the end of the year are containing all the correct information.

**How will the landlord know if the tenant has been approved?**

Once the application is approved, the landlord will receive an email containing an award letter to the email supplied on the landlord dashboard. In order to receive a check, the award letter must be signed and returned per the instruction in the email.

**Can my tenant apply for more assistance if I have already received payment from your program?**

At this time the County is not offering additional assistance to past awardees, as we are trying to complete applications that have not received initial funding. If funding remains after all applications have received initial funding an email will be sent out to past applicants with instructions on how to receive additional funding. Funding is not promised as the first-time applicants may use the remaining of the funding allocation.

**Can I accept funding and still evict my tenant?**

Maybe. The County of Bergen ERAP Program prohibits the landlord from evicting the tenant from the residence for non-payment of rent & late fee for the time period in which the accepted the funding. The landlord has the right to pursue legal action for reason outside of non-payment of rent and late fees for the time period the program is covering.



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**Can I refuse to participate in the program?**

The County of Bergen cannot force landlords to participate in the program, however in accordance with the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (LAD), it is unlawful for a landlord to refuse to accept rent from or for a tenant on the basis of the source of lawful income used to pay the rent. It is further unlawful for a landlord to refuse to complete paperwork or provide pertinent information required for granting of such assistance. Refusal to accept the rent, complete required paperwork or provide the requested pertinent information may subject a Landlord to an action being filed against him or her in the Superior Court of New Jersey and/or the Division on Civil Rights seeking damages, penalties, punitive damages, attorney fees, costs and/or injunctive relief.