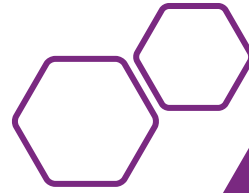


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CERA

COVID Emergency Rental Assistance

What is CERA?

A pandemic response, CERA helps renters with **past due** and **future** rent and utility payments to prevent evictions and provide basic housing security.

- The program is administered through MSHDA funds
 - Funds were allocated to Michigan through the COVID Relief bill that passed in December 2020



Who is Eligible for CERA?

- Renters behind on rent
- Renters that have a household income less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI)
 - Example: In Wayne County a family of four - 80% AMI is \$64,000

- AND -

- Households who have experienced a “COVID hardship”
 - Unemployment income
 - A loss of income during COVID
 - Increased expenses due to COVID
 - Past due utility, rent notice, or other economic hardship



CERA Assistance Provided

Rent

Households up to 50% AMI

- Up to 12 months of assistance, with 3 months of forward rent

Households 50-80% AMI

- Up to 10 months of assistance, with 3 months of forward rent

- **Can cover up to \$400 in late fees and up to \$150 in court costs**

- **Assistance goes back to March 13, 2020**

- Can pay for electricity, home heating, water, sewer, and trash (if on water bill)

Household Size	Maximum Total One Time Utility Payment (Includes Future Payment)	Maximum Future Utility Payment as a Credit
1-2 persons	\$1,500	\$300
3-4 persons	\$2,000	\$500
5+ persons	\$2,500	\$500

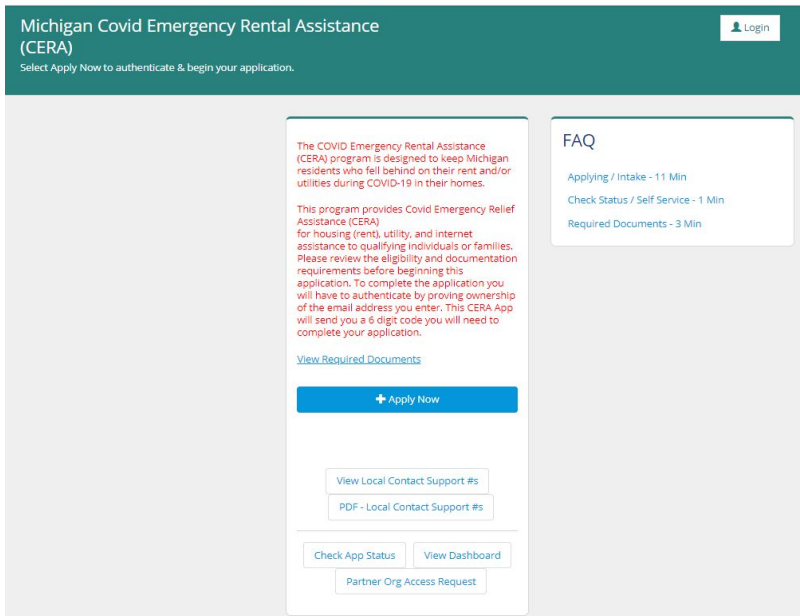
- \$300 Internet stipend available



How to Apply for CERA

MSHDA Online Application

www.ceraapp.gov



For more information, and to receive assistance with navigating the online application, call

Detroit, Hamtramck, & Highland Park
(866) 313-2520

All Other Areas in Wayne County
(734) 284-6999



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