



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (ERAG)

This program is federally funded. It's available to Hawthorne renters, financially impacted by COVID-19, to assist with rent payments.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Who can apply for ERA assistance?** City of Hawthorne renters.
2. **What are the eligibility criteria?** Renters must meet income qualifications and demonstrate financial impacts as a result of COVID-19. Examples include, but are not limited to, loss of employment, reduction of work hours, reduced wages.
3. **How much financial assistance is available?** Up to \$1,000 per month for up to three (3) consecutive months, based on actual need for rent payments.
4. **Do I have to repay the grant?** No.
5. **How can I apply?** Apply online or Click the link below to download and print the application. You may also pick up an application at City Hall by appointment only. For disabled residents the ERAG application will be mailed upon request by calling (310) 349-1600.
6. **What information is needed?**
 - Complete the ERAG Application. Income documentation, rental/lease agreement and proof of COVID-19 impact are required. Please read the guidelines attached to application for a full list of requirements.
7. **How will applications be processed?** Funds are limited. Therefore, a lottery will be conducted on October 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to determine the order that applications will be reviewed. The City anticipates serving approximately 330 families.
8. **How do I submit my application packet?** By mail or person.
 - **Mail to:** City of Hawthorne Housing Department– see mail address below
 - **In Person:** Submit application at Hawthorne City Hall – Housing Department by appointment only, please call (310) 349-1600.
9. **When are applications due?** Applications will be accepted starting October 12, 2020. Applications are due to City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2020.
10. **How soon will I know if I'm approved?** Staff will review applications and begin providing responses promptly. If your application is incomplete, you will be given 10 calendar days to submit the missing information.
11. **If I'm approved, are grant funds sent directly to me?** No. In accordance with HUD rules, the City will pay your landlord directly.

Visit <http://www.cityofhawthorne.org/cdbg-home> for Program Guidelines and Application.

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