COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA)\textsuperscript{11}

CERA provides support to renters who have incomes less than 80% of the Area Median Income

– This program can help you pay back rent and utility payments.
– To see if you qualify for assistance and apply, go to this site: ceraapp.michigan.gov.

CDC Eviction Moratorium\textsuperscript{12}

The CDC issued a temporary eviction moratorium that is currently effective through June 30, 2021. It protects renters from eviction and/or nonpayment of rent under certain circumstances:

– You received economic impact payment under CARES Act.
– You are not required to report any income in 2019 to IRS.
– You are expected to make $99,000 or less in 2021 or $198,000 or less if you file taxes jointly.

If you qualify, you must provide a signed declaration to your landlord before eviction begins:

– You can sign the declaration here: lawhelpinteractive.org/Interview/GenerateInterview/7653/engine.

If your landlord is still moving forward with an eviction, please seek legal aid.

– Here is a tool that can help you locate legal assistance across Michigan: michiganlegalhelp.org/guide-to-legal-help?icn=triagetriagemoratorium&ici=homepage_image.

Keep in mind that this moratorium does not forgive the rent owed!

– You must still pay as much as possible towards your rent.
– By June 30, 2021, you will have to pay any unpaid rent due at that time.
– Do not give your landlord the CDC Declaration without first applying to government agencies for help with rent.

State Emergency Relief (SER)

Consider applying for State Emergency Relief (SER) from MDHHS. This program supports people who need money for an emergency, such as preventing an eviction, stopping a shutoff, and other emergencies.

– You can apply on their website: mibridges.michigan.gov/access.
– OR visit your local MDHHS office!

\textbf{A FEW MORE}

Find rental assistance programs in Michigan based on your city. Go to rentassistance.us/st/michigan, click on the city that you live in, and look through the different organizations, departments, and programs available in your community.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides rental assistance in Michigan including tools to locate subsidized apartments, public housing vouchers, resources for utility bills, and low-income housing tax credit units. Go to: hud.gov/states/michigan/renting.
Housing-related Organizations & Nonprofits

Your local and regional community organizations and nonprofits are here to help with your housing needs relating to rental assistance, legal aid, and other housing-related issues!

**Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA)**
A coalition of over 30 nonprofit and government entities committed to ending homelessness in the Washtenaw community.
- WHA works with landlords in the area to help get their units filled up
- The Landlord Guarantee Fund offers financial incentives and coverage for unit damages or vacancy and helps clients pay rent by offering resources.
- Learn more at: [www.whalliance.org](http://www.whalliance.org)

**Lansing Tenants Union**
A group of tenants representing people throughout Lansing and East Lansing.
- Learn more at: [www.lansingtenantsunion.org/what-is-ltu](http://www.lansingtenantsunion.org/what-is-ltu)

**Fair Housing Centers**
The Fair Housing Centers across Michigan ensure that everyone has equal opportunity in housing by working to prevent housing discrimination and uphold housing rights for tenants in Michigan.
- Learn more at:
  - Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit: [www.fairhousingdetroit.org](http://www.fairhousingdetroit.org)
  - Fair Housing Center of Southeast and Mid Michigan: [www.fhcmichigan.org](http://www.fhcmichigan.org)
  - Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan: [www.fhcswm.org](http://www.fhcswm.org)
  - Fair Housing Center of West Michigan: [www.fhcwm.org](http://www.fhcwm.org)
  - Legal Services of Eastern Michigan Fair Housing Center: [www.lsem-mi.org](http://www.lsem-mi.org)

**Legal Services of South Central Michigan**
Provides free legal advice and representation to low-income families and individuals in Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw Counties.
- Learn more at: [www.lsscm.org](http://www.lsscm.org)
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<td>Builds awareness about housing solutions and provides housing assistance resources in Northwest Michigan.</td>
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<td>Michigan Legal Help Community Services Toolkit</td>
<td>Select the Michigan county that you live in, and you will have access to various housing community services and resources in your county.</td>
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<td>Detroit Action</td>
<td>Signup to join Detroit Action’s membership and organize around affordable housing with them in the city of Detroit.</td>
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<td>Detroit Eviction Defense</td>
<td>A coalition of homeowners, tenants, union members, advocates, and allied groups fighting against foreclosure and eviction. They provide alternative legal strategies and non-profit finance to support and protect families.</td>
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<td>City of Detroit Eviction, Rent, and Utility Payment Help</td>
<td>This source provides a few options for tenants facing eviction or behind on rent.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.detroitmi.gov/departments/housing-and-revitalization-department/eviction-rent-and-utility-payment-help-available">www.detroitmi.gov/departments/housing-and-revitalization-department/eviction-rent-and-utility-payment-help-available</a></td>
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<td>United Community Housing Coalition</td>
<td>This coalition provides services to help families with foreclosure prevention, eviction prevention, and tenant support.</td>
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<td>CSI Support and Development</td>
<td>Located in Warren, Michigan, the mission of CSI Support &amp; Development is to provide affordable senior housing communities.</td>
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