



LABOSCOC Baton Rouge Regional Meeting

July 22, 2021



HUD Virtual Binders

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/>

CoC and ESG Virtual Binders cover foundational topics from the Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs, with the goal to transfer basic knowledge to grantees in order to more successfully administer their projects. Each binder reflects a range of learning styles and offers a variety of ways to interact with the topics.



Child Tax Credit

https://slls.org/increased_child_tax_credit/

A new federal act has increased the amount of the Child Tax Credit and will provide new income for families with children.

Eligible parents can now receive up to* 50% of their child tax credit spread out in six payments from July to December. The other 50% will be paid as a refund when the 2021 return is filed.



Child Tax Credit Links

Non-filers portal to enroll in advanced credit program:

<https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=a227d4aa-7740-4405-b619-a413f7ce6a56&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=a6d264bc-d5ab-4214-9a34-2cd4081e9d3b>

Portal for taxpayers to both check whether they are enrolled in the advanced payment program and to take steps to opt out by August 2: Tax Credit Update Portal: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-update-portal>



Who is Eligible for the Child Tax Credit?

To be eligible, you must:

- Have a child who is 17 or younger at the end of 2021
- Be responsible for at least half of the financial support of the child *and* they must live with you for at least half of the year.
- Divorced or separated parents that the child does not usually live with can only get the funds if the domiciliary parent agrees and signs the IRS Form 8832. That other parent then loses eligibility for the funds.



Eviction Moratorium - ends 07/31/21

- Conversations with program participants and landlord to obtain information about status of rental payments
- Eviction Diversion
 - Schedule joint meetings with tenants and landlords with goal of working towards solution
 - Effective 70% of the time.
 - DO NOT AVOID LANDLORD.
- \$46 billion of federal funds allocated to states in rental assistance



BR Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Eligibility

- Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19;
- Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
- Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median.



BR Emergency Rental Assistance Program

To be eligible for the East Baton Rouge Parish Emergency Rental Assistance Program an applicant must be renting property in East Baton Rouge Parish and meet the following criteria:

Step 1:

Renters should complete the application. If you need assistance or are facing eviction, please contact us by phone or text at 225-529-0504.

Step 2:

A Case Manager will contact renter applicants to continue the application process. Case Managers will collect any missing information, verify eligibility, and obtain signatures from the renter and landlord.

Step 3:

If the renter's application is approved, rental payment will be sent for funding approval, followed by direct payment to the landlord.

City of BR Emergency Solutions Portal

<https://www.ebemergencysolutions.com/renters.html>



Emergency Solutions Portal



Renters

Homeowners

Landlords

Resources

Q&A

BEFORE YOU APPLY:

1) Are you a renter or a landlord?

This application is for renters only. Landlords are encouraged to refer their tenants in need of assistance to this program.

2) Is your rental unit in East Baton Rouge Parish?

If you are not sure, please visit www.unitedstateszipcodes.org to search for the list of zip codes in East Baton Rouge Parish. **If you are not located in East Baton Rouge Parish, you will not be eligible for the assistance program for East Baton Rouge Parish** and should not complete the application for this program. You may be eligible for assistance through the State's program. Please visit www.LAStateRent.com for more information.

3) Review the list of documents needed to apply.

Review the [Renter Documentation Checklist](#) before starting your application. These documents need to be scanned in order to upload them within your application. Please collect all documents and prepare them for uploading before starting your application. [Resource Page](#)

4) Once you begin your application, you will not be able to save and re-enter the application later. After you submit an application, only an ERAP Case Manager will be able to access your application to make changes or to add supporting documents. Review the [Renter Application Guide](#) before you begin filling out the application. [Resource Page](#)



BR ERAP Application Prioritization

Applications will be prioritized for processing as follows:

Priority 1:

Applicants facing imminent eviction AND are either 90 days unemployed OR have a household income at or below 50% AMI

Priority 2:

Applicants facing imminent eviction AND have a household income at or below 80% AMI

Priority 3:

Applicants who applied to the LERAP program in 2020 and were found eligible but did not receive funding

Priority 4:

All other applicants that meet program eligibility requirements



City of BR Emergency Solutions Links for More Program Info

Resource Guide:

<https://ebremergencyolutions.com/resources.html>

Landlord Question and Answers:

https://ebremergencyolutions.com/Landlord_Webinar_Q&A.pdf

Landlord Webinar:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3BUxbxfqUo>



<https://www.lastaterent.com/>

If you live in [Caddo](#), [Calcasieu](#), [East Baton Rouge](#), [Jefferson](#), [Lafayette](#), [Orleans](#) or [St. Tammany](#) Parish, you must apply directly to the program in your parish. [LEARN MORE](#)

Struggling to pay rent due to COVID?

The State of Louisiana launched the U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program to provide emergency rental and utility assistance to Louisiana residents who are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Both landlords and renters may apply. The program can provide assistance for past-due rent and forward rent payments for applicants, as well as utility costs.

APPLY NOW >



Successes this Quarter

- ★ Over 160 Section 8 applications completed with individuals experiencing homelessness in one day on 07/09/21!
- ★ 64 Emergency Housing Voucher referrals
- ★ Coordinated Entry Successes
 - Housing Documentation
 - Current Living Situations
 - Diversion Efforts
 - Project to get all open COC units filled
- ★ Great coordination with community partners!



More Successes!

- ★ Release of the Homeless Outreach Portal - <https://laboscoc.org/outreach>
- ★ LABOSCOC-sponsored Trainings
 - Glowing feedback from first case management training
 - Next trainings scheduled for 07/28/21 (MI) and 08/11/21 (trauma)
- ★ LABOSCOC Event Calendar released - <https://laboscoc.org/events-page>



Yet More Successes at the One Stop!

- ★ Vaccine Events - sponsored 3 days where over 75 people experiencing homelessness were vaccinated
- ★ Average of 75 guests daily with many days over 100 guests
- ★ Start and SVDP coordinated increased security efforts which has resulted in a safer environment
- ★ Increased medical and now behavioral health and dental services offered by BRPCC and Open Health