



Coronavirus Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA)

CERA may be provided to renters that are behind on their rent and/or utilities, including internet.

Help can be provided to people who earn under 80% AMI.

Tenants must have qualified for unemployment benefits or have experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, experienced other financial hardship due directly or indirectly to COVID, or be at risk of homelessness or housing instability.

Rent may be paid for up to 10-12 months, depending on income, and 3 months of that rent may be for future rent. In some cases, tenants may be eligible for an additional 3 months.

The total amount of rent covered cannot exceed 150% of the HUD Fair Market Rent based on home size and county or up to \$948 for a one-bedroom apartment in Saginaw County.


Landlords do NOT need to start court proceedings or even serve a Demand for Possession. *Renters are eligible if they are behind in rent with certification by landlord.*

Landlords do NOT need to forgive a portion of past due rent.

SEE: www.michigan.gov/cera for more information and to access copies of the tenant and landlord applications, eligibility links and other county agencies.

An online application portal will be available at the end of March or beginning of April.

**Landlords and Tenants can also call
Project Home at 989-272-1821
for Saginaw County only**



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Landlords will need to provide:

- **Completed CERA Landlord Application**
- **Copy of the lease (if a written lease was completed)**
- **Ledger showing tenant's payment history for 2020 and 2021**
- **W-9**
- **Verification of Court costs, if applicable (covered up to \$150)**

Tenants will need to provide:

- **Completed CERA Tenant Application**
- **Copy of the lease (if a written lease was completed) unless provided by landlord**
- **Copy of past-due rent notice, a notice to quit or a court ordered summons, complaint or judgement.**
- **Copy of state ID or passport for the tenant applicant (with proof of residency if address does not match the unit).**
- **Provide all proof of earned and unearned income for household members that live at the property and that are over the age of 18.**
- **Household income/benefits (unemployment, SSI, etc.) for one month, OR**
- **Copy of submitted 2020 IRS form 1040 (first two pages) OR**
- **Food Assistance Program Notice of Case Action form (only applicable for households with 3 or less people).**
- **Copy of ALL utility statements the tenant is responsible for, if applicable.**
- **Copy of Internet bill/statement, if applicable.**