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YOUR WAY HOME
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

How to Access Housing Assistance...

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**A 24-hour service that
connects individuals and
families to resources that can
assist with human service
needs.**

CALL - TEXT - CHAT - SEARCH

211: The Number to Know

Like *911*, *211* is an easy-to-remember number that connects people to live professional assistance

- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- Calls are free, anonymous and confidential.

Locally, people can contact *211* by:

- **Dial** 211 from any phone



- **Text** zip code to 898-211



- **Chat/Search** local websites:

- **Berks:** pa211east.org
- **Chester/Montgomery:** 211sepa.org



TOP 211 REQUESTS - Basic Needs



Utilities

“Utility bill payment assistance,
LIHEAP”



Food

“Food pantries,
delivery programs”



Housing

“Homelessness programs, rental
assistance”



Material Goods

“Clothes, Diapers, Furniture, Appliances”



Transportation

“bus passes, non-emergency programs”

Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP)

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) was created to help renters dealing with financial challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For eligible households, the program offers **rental and utility assistance** to help Pennsylvanians avoid eviction or loss of utility service.

ERAP was established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021. Governor Wolf signed Act 1 of 2021 into law on February 5, 2021 allowing the Department of Human Services (DHS) to implement and administer ERAP in accordance with federal guidelines.

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Am I Eligible For The ERAP Program?

For a household* to be eligible for the ERAP program, it must meet the requirements below:

- One or more individuals in the household has qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic, AND
- The household can demonstrate a risk of homelessness or housing instability, AND
- Household must be at or below 80% of Area Median Income at the time of application. (Based on County of Residence)

*ERAP is only available for renters

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What Documents Will I Need To Apply?

- A **copy of your lease**, if you have one. If you don't, please find some sort of proof of consistent rental payments at that address, such as bank statements, or utility bills with your name and rental address on it. A letter from the landlord will also suffice.
- Some sort of **photo identification**.
- An **overdue rent or utility notice**, if applicable. This can come from your landlord or a utility service like PECO.
- Current **income documentation for all ADULTS in your household**. This includes things like pay stubs, Tax documents (1040), W-2 forms or bank statements.
- **Proof that you receive or applied for unemployment**, if applicable.

Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP)

CHESTER COUNTY



Call 211, then:

- Press 2 for Homelessness and Housing Crisis
- Press 2 for Chester County
- Press 2 for Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Applicant Checklist:

<https://www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/62656/Chester-County-ERAP-Applicant-Checklist>

FAQs:

<https://www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/62894/Chester-County-ERAP-FAQs>

Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP) MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Call 211 or apply directly through one of the ERUC Partner Agencies:

Manna on Main Street

www.mannaonmain.org/need-help/getting-help

Call 215-855-5454.

Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities

www.spottstowncluster.org/covidrentutilityassistance or by calling 484-393-5441.

ACLAMO

aclamo.org or by calling 610-277-2570
(Norristown area) or 610-970-2134
(Pottstown area).

CADCOM

www.cadcom.org

YWCA of Montgomery County

www.ywcatricountyarea.org/ERUC

Family Services of Montgomery County

www.fsmontco.org,
email: ERU@fsmontco.org or call 610-630-2111 ext. 235.

<https://yourwayhome.org/eruc>

Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP) BERKS COUNTY



ERAP and ARP Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Applications can be submitted in person or by mail to:

BCEH Office

M-Th 8am-3:30pm

831 Walnut Street, Reading, PA 19601

or you can visit one of the access points listed on next slide for assistance completing your application.

Website to Access Printable Application and Look-up Application Status:

<https://bceh.org/berks-county-emergency-rental-assistance-program-application/>

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BERKS COUNTY

ERAP ACCESS POINTS

Catholic Charities

234 Grace St, Shillington PA 19607
610-376-7144

Friends Inc.

658D Noble St, Kutztown, PA 19530
610-683-7790

Boyertown Multi-services

200 W Spring St, Boyertown, PA 19512
610-367-6957

Centro Hispano

501 Washington St, Reading, PA 19601
610-376-3748

Salvation Army-Reading

301 S 5th St, Reading, PA 19602
610-373-5208

Salvation Army-Hamburg

700 S 4th St, Hamburg, PA 19526
610-562-8440

Make the Road

501 Washington Street, Reading PA 19601
610-374-1246

The Clubhouse

647 Walnut Street, Reading PA 19601
484-755-5980

Barrio Alegria

140 N 5th Street, Reading pa 19601
610-743-3313

Homelessness Chester / Montgomery

Coordinated entry is a streamlined process for individuals or families that are experiencing housing crisis or homelessness to be screened for eligibility in housing programs. (Examples: Rapid re-housing or shelter)

Programs and eligibility vary county to county.

Those experiencing homelessness or housing crisis in **Chester and Montgomery County** should **call 211** for screening and direct referral to eligible services.



Homelessness Berks



www.BCEH.org

610.372.7222

831 Walnut Street, Reading, M-Th 8am-3:30pm

Services include:

- Assist a household that cannot otherwise be diverted or prevented from homelessness connect with the shelter that best fits the household's needs and goals.
- Assist persons experiencing homelessness to be quickly rehoused and stabilized
- Case management/Follow-up