

COVID-19

# EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program is designed to provide rent and utility assistance to eligible households that have experienced financial hardship directly or indirectly due to COVID-19.

An application for assistance may be submitted by an eligible household. Eligible households must attest they will not duplicate assistance.

Funds will be paid directly to landlords and utility service providers. If a landlord does not wish to participate, funds may be paid directly to the eligible household.

## ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES:

- ▶ Chickasaw citizen renter/tenant, Chickasaw Nation or tribal subsidiary employee renter/tenant, tenant households where a Chickasaw citizen or Chickasaw Nation or tribal subsidiary employee lives or any household that leases/rents property from a Chickasaw citizen landlord or Chickasaw Nation or tribal subsidiary employee landlord.
- ▶ Has a household income at or below 80% of the area median; and
- ▶ Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
- ▶ Households who have experienced a negative financial impact directly or indirectly due to COVID-19, including, but not limited to:
  - ▷ You have been laid off.
  - ▷ Your place of employment has closed.
  - ▷ You have experienced a reduction in hours of work.
  - ▷ You must stay home to care for children due to closure of day care and/or school.
  - ▷ You must stay home to care for children due to distance learning.
  - ▷ You have lost child or spousal support.
  - ▷ You have had an increase in expenses due to COVID-19, i.e. food, child care, medical bills, etc.
  - ▷ You have been unable to find employment due to COVID-19.
  - ▷ You are unwilling or unable to participate in your previous employment due to the high risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

## ELIGIBILITY WILL BE ASSESSED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS

### AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE INCLUDES:

- ▶ Current, future and/or past due rent
- ▶ Current, future and/or past due utilities and home energy costs for tenant household
- ▶ Other expenses related to housing

Eligible landlords may refer their tenant(s) in need of rental assistance due directly or indirectly to COVID-19 by completing a referral form. After receiving tenant contact information, the Chickasaw Nation ERA Program will contact them directly to provide program details, determine eligibility and invite them to complete an Emergency Rental Assistance Program application.

Interested applicants can fill out an application online at [Chickasaw.net/ERAP](https://Chickasaw.net/ERAP) or contact the **Chickasaw Nation ERA Program** at (580) 757-9064 or 1 (888) 895-7979 or [ERAP@Chickasaw.net](mailto:ERAP@Chickasaw.net). A team member will assist with questions regarding the program and application process.

