

Cook County  
**COVID-19  
RECOVERY**  
Emergency  
Rental Assistance



## Do you live in Suburban Cook County and need help paying rent and utilities due to COVID-19?

The Cook County Emergency Rental Assistance program pays up to 12 months of missed rent and utilities payments and up to 3 months of future rent payments.

### HOW CAN I APPLY?

Applications open March 11, 2021, and will be accepted until April 2, 2021. Start the application process at [cookcountyil.gov/recovery](https://cookcountyil.gov/recovery).

**How do I know if I'm eligible?** To be eligible, renters must:

- Live in suburban Cook County and rent their home (Landlords may apply on behalf of tenants)
- Lack access to other support (e.g., don't live in public housing or receive rental assistance from other programs)
- Have proof of financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Have a household annual income at or below these requirements:

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income	\$51,000	\$58,250	\$65,550	\$72,800	\$78,650	\$84,450	\$90,300	\$96,100

**What documents do I need to apply?** For the initial application, renters need:

- Photo ID
- Social Security card (if available)
- Verification of income for 2020 (e.g., recent paystubs or tax returns)
- Documentation of COVID-19 financial hardship (e.g., unemployment claims or proof of income decrease)
- Latest utility bill (if applying for utility assistance)

**To apply and learn more:**

- Visit [cookcountyil.gov/recovery](https://cookcountyil.gov/recovery)
- Get text alerts by texting: AlertCook to 888-777



For assistance with your application and language translation services, please contact the Cook County Emergency Rental Assistance Program helpline at 877-426-6515.

If you live in the City of Chicago and need rental assistance, visit [chi.gov/housinghelp](https://chi.gov/housinghelp) for more information