



## **Elkhart County Emergency Rental Assistance Program Information for Landlords**

The Elkhart County Emergency Rental Assistance Program makes funding available to eligible households to apply to past due and future payments for rent, utilities (water, sewer, stormwater, gas, trash and electricity) and internet. When possible, payments will be made on behalf of tenants directly to landlords and utility companies. The goal of this program is to increase housing stability in Elkhart County.

Funding is available for past due rent and utilities from April 1, 2020 to present, as well as up to 3 months future rent and utilities from the date of application. Past due rent and utilities must be documented through statements and/or invoices from a landlord and utility service provider(s). Eligible applicants will be awarded a maximum of \$1,500 per month for up to six months of past due rent and utility payments. Dependent on fund availability, the County may pay up to 100% of future rent and utility payments up to a maximum of \$1,500 per month.

For future rent and utility assistance beyond three months, the applicant will be required to submit a recertification of income.

### **Important Facts:**

- Utilities that are included in rent will be treated as rent.
- Any unpaid rent or utilities are the responsibility of the tenant.
- A landlord's refusal to participate in the program will not prevent a tenant from participating.
- A completed W-9 will be required to receive payment.
- A completed Landlord Attestation and Participation form is a required component of the tenant's application. You will be asked to complete and sign a form for each tenant that applies for assistance.

### **To Participate in the Program:**

- Encourage tenants to apply for assistance at: <https://elkhartcounty.com/rentalassistance> to find additional information about the program, gather the required documents and apply.
- Assist tenants in the application process by providing copies of leases and completing the Landlord Attestation and Participation form.

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