



Elkhart County Emergency Rental Assistance Program For Utility Providers

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:

- Any unpaid rent or utilities are the responsibility of the tenant.
- A completed W-9 will be required to receive payment.
- Households that receive Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assistance or other local assistance are eligible to receive utility assistance for any remaining arrears or for future utility payments not covered by other assistance.

To Participate in the Program:

- Encourage customers to apply for assistance and find additional information about the program at: <https://elkhartcounty.com/rentalassistance>.
- Assist customers in the application process by providing statements for past due utilities.

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