



# MIDDLESEX COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Middlesex County has established the Middlesex County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (MCERAP) to assist renter households that are behind on rent and/or payments for utilities such as gas, electric, and water. The County received \$25 million in federal funding which will be distributed to approved applicants on a priority basis.

## Eligibility Guidelines

An “eligible household” is a renter household in which at least one individual meets the following criteria:

- Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability, mainly documented by having an outstanding rental balance and/or eviction filing
- Has a household income at or below 80% of the area median income\* (Please note: Eligible households that include an individual who has been unemployed for the 90 days prior to application for assistance, and households with income at or below 50 percent of the area median, will be prioritized for assistance.)

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCOME LIMITS

	1 PERSON HOUSEHOLD	2 PERSON HOUSEHOLD	3 PERSON HOUSEHOLD	4 PERSON HOUSEHOLD	5 PERSON HOUSEHOLD	6 PERSON HOUSEHOLD	7 PERSON HOUSEHOLD	8 PERSON HOUSEHOLD
<b>50% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME</b>	\$41,850	\$47,800	\$53,800	\$59,750	\$64,550	\$69,350	\$74,100	\$78,900
<b>80% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME</b>	\$57,800	\$66,050	\$74,300	\$82,550	\$89,200	\$95,800	\$102,400	\$109,000

## Applying for assistance from the MCERAP

Applications for grants from the MCERAP may be submitted by a member of an eligible household or by a landlord on behalf of that eligible household. The County has established an online application portal which is available now. All required information and documentation must be submitted before an application will be considered. Required documentation may include a copy of your rental agreement, tax returns, pay stubs, etc.

Please visit [www.middlesexcountynj.gov/rentalassistance](http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/rentalassistance) for additional information and to access the application portal. Please direct all questions to: [mcerap@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:mcerap@co.middlesex.nj.us).