



**TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD U.S. TREASURY EMERGENCY
RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD RESIDENTS ONLY**

**INTAKE FORMS MAY BE SUBMITTED
BEGINNING 9:00 AM ON DECEMBER 9, 2022
INTAKE FORMS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED VIA ONLINE SUBMISSION.
DO NOT HAND DELIVER, FAX OR EMAIL THE INTAKE FORM AS IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
ONLY 1 INTAKE FORM PER HOUSEHOLD MAY BE SUBMITTED.**

The Town of Hempstead is pleased to announce available funds for rental and utility assistance through the U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) for residents of the Town of Hempstead. The Program is intended to assist renters who are having difficulty paying their rent and utilities/home energy costs during or due to COVID-19. The Program is being administered by the Long Island Housing Partnership (LIHP).

Who can apply?

Tenants may apply and landlords may apply. If landlords apply, tenants must agree to participate.

How are applicants reviewed?

Applicants will be reviewed on a **first-come, first-serve basis**, with priority consideration given to households with incomes at or below 50% of the HUD area median income, or households with one or more members who have been unemployed for more than 90 days prior to their application.

Who Qualifies?

To be eligible, a household must:

- I. Be renting in the Town of Hempstead as a primary residence (including all Villages but excluding the City of Long Beach);
- II. Show that one or more individuals within the household has either qualified for unemployment benefits, experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship during or due to the COVID-19 outbreak;
- III. Demonstrate that the household is at risk of homelessness or housing instability; and
- IV. Have household income at or below 80% of the HUD area median income.

Awarded funds can assist with the following:

- Current rent, prospective rent, and rent arrears
- Current costs and arrears for utilities and home energy costs
- Other expenses related to housing (e.g., relocation expenses such as security deposits and tenant screening fees if a household has been displaced due to COVID-19)

How much may be awarded?

Up to 18 months of assistance may be paid subject to program restrictions.

How to apply?

To begin the application process, please submit an Intake Form to LIHP available in English and Spanish. The Intake Form is available at: <https://www.lihp.org/herapintake.html> (English) or <https://www.lihp.org/herapintake-SP.html> (Spanish).

What if I need assistance or don't have a computer?

If assistance is needed, including language assistance, you may contact LIHP at (631)435-4710 or contact LIHP's community partner, Leadership Training Institute at the address below. Please call for an appointment.

Leadership Training Institute
350 Greenwich Street
Hempstead, NY
(516) 483-3400

Where can I get additional information?

Detailed information on the program and the requirements are set forth in the Program Guidelines available at <https://lihp.org/herapintake.html> (English), or <https://lihp.org/herapintake-SP.html> (Spanish). You can also contact LIHP at HempsteadERAP@lihp.org with any questions or visit the LIHP website at <https://lihp.org/herapintake.html> (English), or <https://lihp.org/herapintake-SP.html> (Spanish) for more information.

NOTE: Please read the Program Guidelines carefully. Submission of the Intake Form does not guarantee eligibility. Awards are subject to available funding. Applicants must meet all Program Guidelines. All Fair Housing laws will be followed.