

Eviction Prevention Resources

EL PASO COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – provides monetary assistance for qualifying tenants.

Relief Available: Pre & Post Eviction Filing

General Fund – \$\$\$

Expiration – September 30, 2021

CARES Act Fund – \$\$\$

Expiration: December 31, 2021 (CRRSAA Div. M Title X) unless extended

TEXAS EVICTION DIVERSION PROGRAM - permits eligible landlords and tenants to agree upon a resolution to the issues raised in an eviction case. If eligibility requirements are met, past due rent obligations may be eligible to be covered in full and the eviction case dismissed.

Relief Available: Post Eviction Filing

Expiration: March 15, 2021 (SCOT THIRTY-FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER)

- Justice of the Peace Courts inform tenants that program exists via eviction citation
- Both tenant and landlord must agree to participate in program
- Upon agreement, parties are referred to Project Bravo for application and fund disbursement for up to 6 months of back owed rent

CDC EVICTION MORATORIUM ORDER – prevents eviction for non-payment of rent if there has been a loss or reduction in income due to COVID-19. Abates eviction. Does not include any monetary assistance for parties.

Relief Available: Pre & Post Eviction Filing

Expiration: **January 31, 2021** (CRRSAA Div. N Title V Sec. 502) unless extended

- Requires an affidavit be delivered by the tenant to his or her landlord, which indicates that they meet the following criteria
- (1) The individual has used best efforts to obtain all available government assistance for rent or housing;
- (2) The individual either (i) expects to earn no more than \$99,000 in annual income for Calendar Year 2020-2021 (or no more than \$198,000 if filing a joint tax return), (ii) was not required to report any income in 2019 to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or (iii) received an Economic Impact Payment (stimulus check) pursuant to Section 2201 of the CARES Act;
- (3) The individual is unable to pay the full rent or make a full housing payment due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours of work or wages, a lay-off, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses² ;
- (4) The individual is using best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as the individual's circumstances may permit, taking into account other nondiscretionary expenses; and
- (5) Eviction would likely render the individual homeless— or force the individual to move into and live in close quarters in a new congregate or shared living setting—because the individual has no other available housing options.

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021 – EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Relief Available: Pre & Post Eviction Filing. *However, relief may not be granted to make prospective rent payments unless assistance is also provided to reduce an eligible household's rental arrears.* Landlord may apply on behalf of tenant.

Expiration: December 31, 2021 (CRRSAA Div. N Title V Sec. 501) unless extended

- Not less than 90 percent of the funds shall be used to provide financial assistance to eligible households, including the payment of
- rent
- rental arrears
- utilities and home energy costs
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- other expenses related to housing incurred due directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 outbreak
- Assistance may be provided for 12 months (subject to an additional 3 month period for qualifying housing stability)
- Not more than 10 percent of funds may be used to provide eligible households with case management and other services related to the COVID-19 outbreak, as defined by the Secretary, intended to help keep households stably housed.