

# Peer to Peer Call

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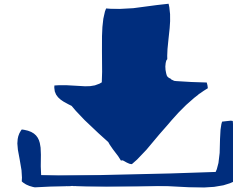
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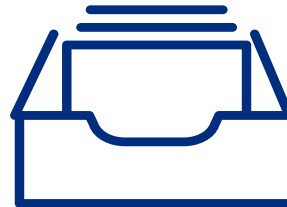
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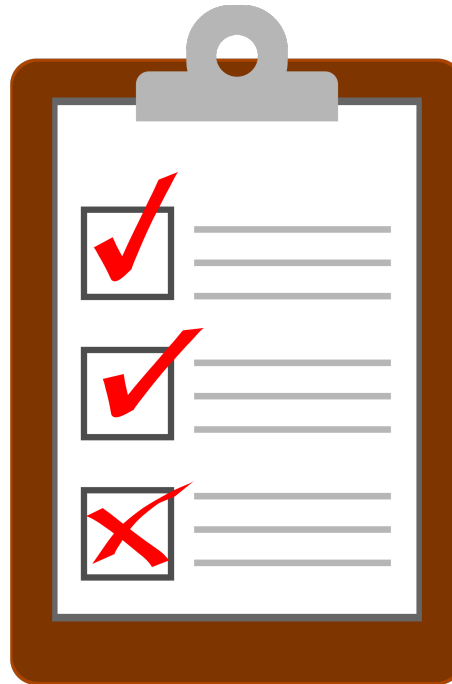


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# Agenda

- Introduction
- Emergency Rental Assistance



# Introduction

- Emergency Rental Assistance in Ohio is being administered through a program called the **Home Relief Grant**
- This program makes available \$25 billion to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Home Relief Grant program funds are being administered by local Community Action Agencies (CAAs)
- To find your local CAA, use this link:
  - <https://oacaa.org/agency-directory/>

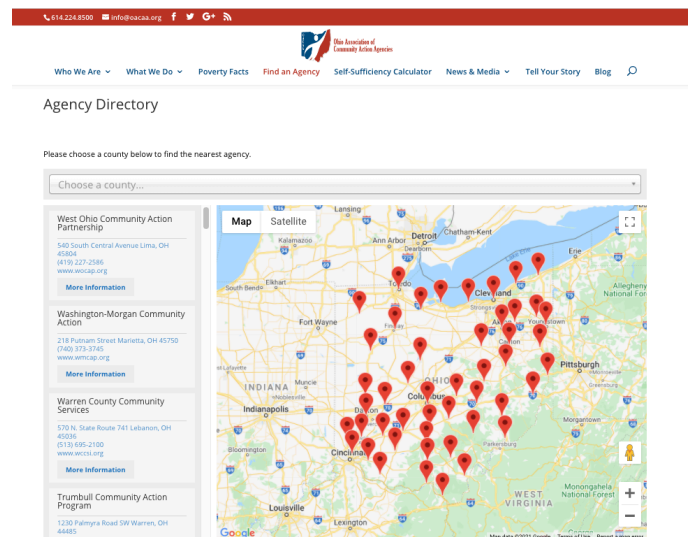
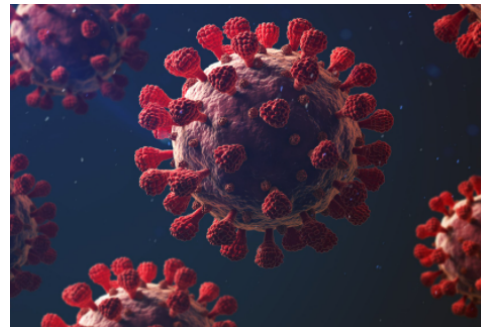


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- An eligible household is defined as a renter household in which at least one more more individuals meets the following criteria:
  - Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19
  - Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
  - Has a household income at or below 80% of the area median
- Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of assistance



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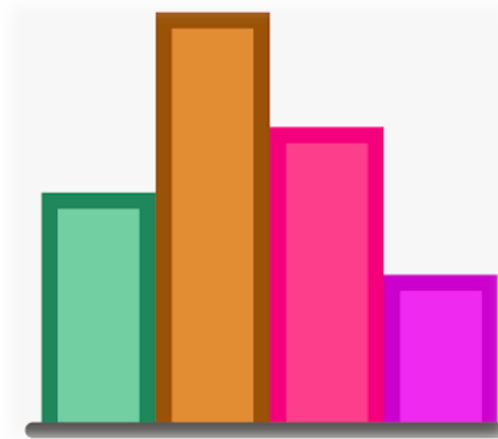
- When applying, be prepared to provide:
  - Names of all household members
  - Dates of birth
  - SSN
  - Current or previous address
  - Proof of income for all household members 18+
  - Any supporting documentation to demonstrate need
  - Proof of hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- To receive Rental Assistance, you will also need to provide:
  - Total amount due, including fees
  - If moving to a new location, justification for the move (i.e currently homeless, living with another family, etc)
  - Landlord contact information and lease/rental agreement

# Introduction

- Eligible Costs under ERA program:
  - Rent
  - Utilities
  - Arrearages
- ERA payments must NOT be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance provided to an eligible household
  - An eligible household that occupies federally subsidized residential or mixed-use property may receive ERA assistance , provided that ERA funds are not applied to costs that have been or will be reimbursed under any other federal assistance
- ERA funds must prioritize households with incomes less than 50% AMI, or households with one or more individuals that have not been employed for the 90-day period preceding the date of application

# Poll Questions:

- Have you heard about the ERA/Home Relief Grant program?
- Have you assisted a client in obtaining ERA/Home Relief Grant funds?
- If you've helped a client obtain ERA/Home Relief Grant funds, did you experience any barriers or challenges in the process?



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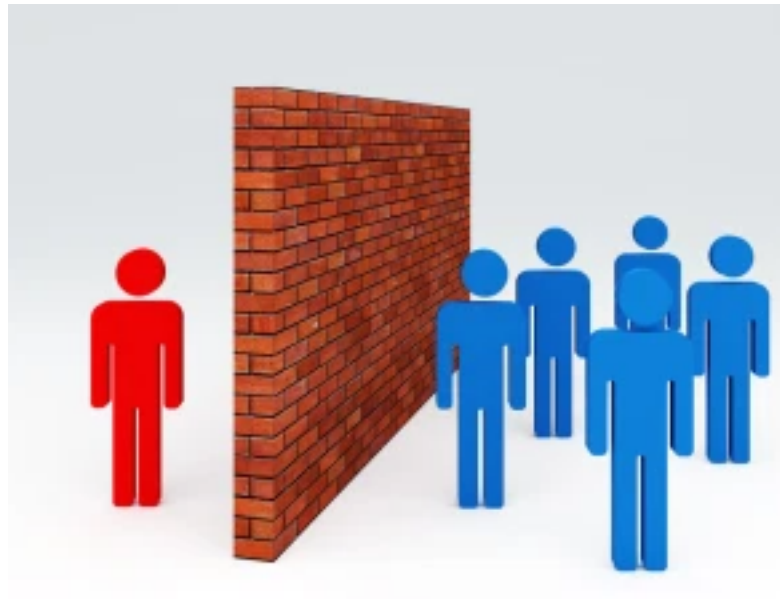
- Has anyone had experience linking a client to the Home Relief Grant program/ERA through their local CAA? If so, what was the process like? And were you successful?



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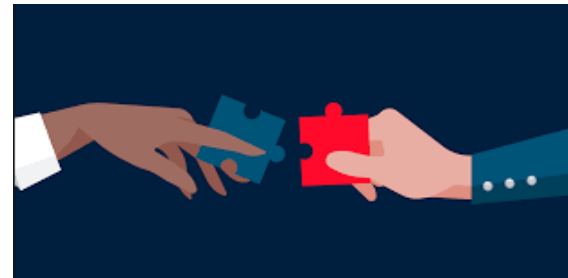
- What barriers have you experienced with the Home Relief Grant/emergency rental assistance?



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- Does your agency have a good working relationship with your local Community Action Agency (CAA)?
  - If so, how did you cultivate that relationship and how are referrals for programs like ERA initiated?



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# Discussion

- Would you say your agency is getting more requests for homelessness assistance? Or homelessness prevention and/or rental assistance?

- ES
- RRH
- PSH
- TH



- HP

# Reminder

**\*\*Reminder: The Federal Eviction Moratorium is still in effect**

- [National Low Income Housing Coalition Memo on Eviction Moratorium](#)



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# Resources:

- [U.S. Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance – FAQ](#)
- [Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies – Agency Directory](#)
- [ODSA – Home Relief Grant Information](#)
- [NLIHC – Memo on Federal Eviction Moratorium](#)
- [NLIHC - Learning from Emergency Rental Assistance Programs](#)

# Next Call

- Wednesday: April 14, 2021 @ 10am
- Topic: Landlord Engagement
- We will be using the GoToTraining Platform



