

Rental Assistance Programs

For an overall look at possible rental assistance programs that can help you, visit here:

[https://www.brickunderground.com/rent/five-programs-to-help-new-yorkers-struggling-to-](https://www.brickunderground.com/rent/five-programs-to-help-new-yorkers-struggling-to-pay-rent-or-facing-eviction-coronavirus-nyc)

[pay-rent-or-facing-eviction-coronavirus-nyc](https://www.brickunderground.com/rent/five-programs-to-help-new-yorkers-struggling-to-pay-rent-or-facing-eviction-coronavirus-nyc) and here:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/rental-assistance.page>

1. Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) -

<https://www.ccbq.org/erap/>

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) assists Queens households behind on their rent that have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. In addition, the program can provide temporary rental assistance and assistance with unpaid utility bills. If you need assistance with applying and would like a specially-trained Catholic Charities representative to help with the application and follow-up, [register](#) with us.

Important Note: Total requests for assistance exceed available federal funding for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). Currently there is no federal funding available to financially aid new applicants via ERAP, but you can still benefit from its protection against eviction if you sign up.

2. City Family Homelessness & Eviction Prevention Supplement -

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/cityfheps.page>

CityFHEPS is a rental assistance supplement to help you keep your apartment. To qualify, your household income must be at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line and meet [one of the four criteria](#). The New York City Council recently [passed a bill](#) that increased voucher rates, potentially making an estimated 70,000 apartments accessible to renters in the program. Rates are now \$1,945 for an individual and \$2,217 for families, in line with city's [Section 8 program](#).

3. Coalition for the Homeless Eviction Prevention -

<https://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/our-programs/crisis-services/eviction-prevention/>

Coalition for the Homeless's eviction prevention program offers one-time grants of an average of \$1,000 to pay your back-rent if you can demonstrate the ability to pay your rent going forward. You must also be in court and have a court stipulation to qualify. To apply, you have to make an appointment by calling their hotline at 212-776-2039 on Wednesday or Friday mornings beginning at 9:30 a.m.

4. Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption -

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/index.page>

The Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption program is part of the city's rent freeze program. SCRIE is available to New Yorkers who are at least 62 or older, are the primary leaseholder of a rent-stabilized or controlled apartment, have a combined household income of less than \$50,000, and use at least one-third of their salary on rent. If you're approved, the city's Department of Finance will determine if your rent, or one-third of your monthly income, is less and then will freeze your rent at the amount despite future increases through a property tax credit.

5. Disability Rent Increase Exemption -

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/index.page>

The city's Disability Rent Increase Exemption program is also part of the city's rent freeze program. It works the same way but there are slightly different requirements. For this rent freeze program, you must be 18 or older, be the primary leaseholder of a rent-stabilized or controlled apartment, have a combined household income of \$50,000 or less, spend more than one-third of your income on rent, and receive federal or state disability income or insurance. You can check out the [city's guide](#) on the rent freeze program for more information.