

INFORMATION FOR RENTERS



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INDIANA EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (IERA2) PROGRAM

The Indiana Emergency Rental Assistance (IERA2) program, which started taking applications in March 2023, supports renter households that have experienced a financial hardship during the pandemic by offering rental and utility assistance.

IERA2 can provide the following benefits to eligible households:

- One rental assistance payment that includes arrears (past due rent) and three months of forward (future) rent.
- A second payment may be issued that includes arrears and forward-facing rent if your household participates in INCAA family development counseling and improves your household's score to "self-sufficient" or better in any one of twelve focus areas.
- The total amount of the first payment will depend on how many months of past due rent your household owes. If your household is current on rent, the first payment will consist of three months of forward-facing rent.
- IERA2 offers one payment to each eligible household. A second payment is dependent upon your household's participation in family development counseling and available months of assistance remaining.
- No renter household may receive more than two IERA2 payments.
- There are no recertifications in IERA2.
- No household may receive more than 18 months of assistance from any combination of ERA programs. This includes ERA programs in Elkhart, Hamilton, Marion, Lake, St. Joseph, and the City of Fort Wayne.

A renter household should know:

- Up to 18 months of rent and utility assistance may be provided to your household. This includes past due rent, forward facing rent, reasonable late fees.
- IERA will pay the lesser of the rent amount stated in the lease of the published IERA rental limit.

Number of Bedrooms	Allowable Monthly Rent	18 Month Maximum Rental Assistance
Efficiency	\$899	\$16,182
One-Bedroom	\$957	\$17,226
Two-Bedroom	\$1,124	\$20,232
Three-Bedroom	\$1,573	\$28,314
Four-Bedroom+	\$1,864	\$33,552

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- If you already receive federal rental assistance (e.g., you have a Housing Choice Voucher, live in a Project Based Rental Assistance unit, live in Public Housing, etc.) IERA can assist with your household's portion (the tenant's portion) of the rent.
- Payments for eligible households will be made to participating landlords.
- If your landlord is not a participating landlord, your household could still receive a benefit.
- Your household is responsible for paying any rent, late fees, or additional expenses not covered by IERA.
- A monthly stipend corresponding to the months of rental assistance will be paid for requested utilities and home energy costs. The chart below specifies the stipend amount for each utility.

	0 Bedrooms	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom	5 Bedroom
Heating - Natural Gas	24	32	43	52	66	75
Heating - Electric	55	78	102	123	152	170
Heating - Home Energy	58	77	103	128	166	178
Electric - Other than Heating	49	57	65	73	83	91
Water	29	36	46	56	70	88
Sewer	54	54	62	71	86	109

- Utility/ and/or home energy assistance will be paid directly to the utility provider. Utility providers must participate in IERA2 for the utility benefit to be paid. Utilities will only be paid with the first IERA payment.
- Your household is responsible for any unpaid utility or home energy obligations including disconnect and reconnect fees, deposits, or collection costs.
- Utility and/or home energy assistance may not be provided for costs included in the lease.
- A benefit letter from WIC, TANF, SNAP, HIP, SSI, LIHEAP or proof from your Public Housing Authority that you receive a Housing Choice Voucher or live in a Public Housing Unit may speed up the review of your application.
- Hamilton and Marion Counties are administering their own ERA programs. If you live in these areas, you will need to apply directly to your community's program and not the IERA program:

Location	Website
Hamilton County	HCTAIndiana.com
Marion County	indyrent.org

To participate in the program, you should:

- Call 2-1-1 Monday-Friday from 8:00A.M.- 6:00P.M. for help creating your profile and completing the question-and-answer portion of the application.
- Call 2-1-1 Monday-Friday from 8:00A.M.- 6:00P.M. for help identifying the INCAA provider that can assist with creating your profile, the question-and-answer portion of the application, and the document collection form.
- Call 2-1-1 Monday-Friday from 8:00A.M.- 6:00P.M. or go to www.incap.org/indiana-housing-stability-program to find a family development counseling provider.
- Speak to your landlord and let them know you intend to or have applied for assistance.
- Call (317)800-6000 or email iera@ihcda.in.gov if you have questions.

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