

# INFORMATION FOR RENTERS



IndianaHousingNow.org

## INDIANA EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (IERA) PROGRAM

The Indiana Emergency Rental Assistance (IERA) program is designed to decrease evictions, increase housing stability, and prevent homelessness by helping renter households whose income has been negatively impacted by the pandemic with rent and utility assistance.

IERA can provide you with up to 18 months of rental assistance. Qualifying applicants may also receive utility and/or home energy assistance, which includes help with paying utilities and home energy (fuel oil, wood, coal, pellets, and propane) expenses.

### A renter household should know:

- Hamilton and Marion Counties, along with the City of Fort Wayne will be administering their own 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	<a href="http://HCTAIndiana.com">HCTAIndiana.com</a>
Marion County	<a href="http://indyrent.org">indyrent.org</a>
City of Fort Wayne	<a href="http://fwcares.org">fwcares.org</a>

- Up to 18 months of rent and utility assistance may be provided. This may include past due rent, future rent, utilities, and/ or late fees.
- 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 provide assistance for the tenant portion of the rent.

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- IERA will pay the lesser of the rent amount stated in the lease or the published IERA rental limit. Any amount of rent not covered by IERA is your responsibility to pay to the landlord.

Number of Bedrooms	Allowable Monthly Rent	18 Month Maximum Rental Assistance
Efficiency	\$822	\$14,796
One-Bedroom	\$842	\$15,156
Two-Bedroom	\$981	\$17,658
Three-Bedroom	\$1369	\$24,642
Four-Bedroom+	\$1662	\$29,916

- 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 type based upon the size of the rental unit.

	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

- Any unpaid utility or home energy obligations, including disconnect or reconnect fees, deposits or collection costs are the tenant's responsibility.
- Utility and/or home energy assistance may not be provided for costs included in the lease.
- If you qualify, you can receive assistance even if your landlord or utility/home energy provider refuses to participate in the IERA program.
- A benefit letter from WIC, TANF, SNAP, HIP, SSI, or proof from your Public Housing Authority that you receive a Housing Choice Voucher or live in a Public Housing unit will speed up the review of your application.

### To participate in the program, you should:

- Go to [IndianaHousingNow.org](https://www.IndianaHousingNow.org) or call 2-1-1 to apply.
- Read and respond to all questions to the best of your ability.
- Provide any requested information in a timely manner.

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### What should I do now?

- STEP 1:** Speak to your landlord and let them know you intend to or have applied for assistance.
- STEP 2:** Review the IERA FAQ and Assistance Examples available at the **IHCDA Emergency Rental Assistance** web page.
- STEP 3:** Access the link and apply for assistance at **IndianaHousingNow.org**. If you are unable to complete the application online, please call 2-1-1 for assistance completing and submitting your application over the phone.
- STEP 4:** Please email [iera@ihcda.in.gov](mailto:iera@ihcda.in.gov) if you have any questions.

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