



COVID Emergency Rental Assistance



RENTAL
Assistance



UTILITY
Assistance

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) will administer the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program through its network of local nonprofit agencies. CERA can provide rental and utility assistance for eligible renter households so that they retain their housing stability. Please read on below for program details.

CERA can help rental households that have incomes less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) and meet the following conditions:

- Renter experienced a loss in income or have incurred costs or other financial hardship, due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Renters who are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability due unpaid back rent and/or past due utility
- To apply, you will need the **CERA Application, State Identification, Current Lease Agreement, and copy of Past Due Utility Notice.** *Landlords will also need to provide documentation*
- **Visit michigan.gov/CERA to apply**

How Do I Apply?

- Visit [Michigan.gov/CERA](https://michigan.gov/CERA), which has a direct link to the application site.
- The online application site is the best way to apply for those with a smart phone, tablet, or computer
- Tenants and landlords can also apply through their local service agency
- **For more information go to:**
[Michigan.gov/CERA](https://michigan.gov/CERA)



For more Information or with help applying, call United Way
616-794-9840 or 211