

Application Checklist for Renters

Planning to apply for the Cook County Emergency Rental Assistance Program? Start gathering your supporting documents now so you're ready to go. Applications open March 11, 2021, and will be accepted until April 2, 2021. Apply at cookcountyil.gov/recovery.

It's important to submit ALL required documents so we can process your application without delay. All documentation will be verified to determine eligibility. Funding is limited and not guaranteed.

FOR RENTERS: You will need to submit the following information during the initial application: Check Box Verification Required **Acceptable Documents** Government Issued ID Photo Identification • State ID OR • Driver's license OR • Passport Social Security Card (if applicable) Household W-2 or tax filings OR income for 2020 Unemployment benefits OR • Paystubs or bank statements Proof of COVID-related Unemployment claim dated after March 13, 2021 OR financial emergency Notice from your employer on company letterhead that states you have been laid off or furloughed, or had a reduction in work hours OR • Copies of medical bills, childcare expenses, or other significant costs the household incurred since March 13, 2020 • If you are self-employed: Paystubs or bank statements showing decreased income after March 1, 2020 Copies of medical bills, childcare expenses, or other significant household costs • Gas or electric bill (Optional) Latest utility bill (if applying for utility assistance)

For questions, language translation services, or help completing your application, please call our Emergency Rental Assistance Program helpline at 877-426-6515

Helpline hours

Monday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Application Checklist for Landlords

If your tenant is applying for Cook County's Emergency Rental Assistance program, here are the documents you will need to submit along with their application.

Applications will be accepted from March 11, 2021, until April 2, 2021. To submit your documents, go to cookcountyil.gov/recovery.

FOR LANDLORDS: You will need to submit the following after your tenant's application is submitted: Check Box Verification Required **Acceptable Documents** Government Issued ID Photo Identification • State ID OR • Driver's license OR • Passport Landlord Certification Form W-9 Social Security card or IRS EIN Letter Proof of ownership Property deed Showing tenant's payment history in 2020 and 2021 AND Tenant Ledger Current balance owed Please include ALL pages of your lease Copy of Lease Signed and dated by tenant and landlord/property manager • If initial lease is now month-to-month, notate that on the lease Direct deposit form Management agreement for agents working on behalf of landlord

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