

**HAVE YOU
RECENTLY
LOST YOUR JOB?
HAS YOUR INCOME
DROPPED?
ARE YOU BEHIND
ON RENT?
DO YOU NEED
HELP MOVING
TO A NEW HOME?
WE CAN HELP!!**

TO APPLY

Go to Metro Housing's online application to begin the process

bit.ly/Rentrelief



METRO HOUSING|BOSTON
Helps families and individuals address their housing needs across the continuum toward economic security.

For individuals and families at risk of being displaced or forced to leave their homes due to COVID-19 employment loss, there are programs that can help.

Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT), Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance (ERMA), and Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) are programs that can provide eligible households up to \$10,000 or up to 15 months of rental arrears to help people with low incomes stay housed or move into their next home. Citizenship or immigration status is not an issue for most of this funding.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Households of any size or composition, including two or more people living together, one of whom is a dependent child under the age of 21. A pregnant mother qualifies if she is the head of household
- Other eligible households include Individuals, families with children of all ages, couples without children, and unaccompanied youth
- The household income must be at or below 80 percent of area median income (AMI)

Federal immigration status has no impact on eligibility for most of this funding.

HOW CAN FUNDS BE USED?

Eligible households can receive up to \$10,000 in a 12-month period or up to 15 months of rental arrears. Funds can be used to stay in current housing or move to new housing, or:

- Rental or mortgage arrearages
- Short-term rental stipend
- Security deposits
- First and last month's rent
- Utility arrearages
- Employment-related transportation costs

There are some restrictions on rental assistance for families residing in subsidized housing or who have a rental voucher.

WHAT IS THE INCOME LIMIT?

Household size	Annual income limit (80% AMI)
1	\$70,750
2	\$80,850
3	\$90,950
4	\$101,050
5	\$109,150
6	\$117,250

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you think you might be eligible for RAFT, ERMA, or ERAP go to the online application at bit.ly/Rentrelief. All programs use the same application.

If you do not qualify, then you can contact Metro Housing's Housing Hub for additional resources and referrals at ResourceLine@MetroHousingBoston.org