



# *Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance*

## **STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT OR UTILITIES DUE TO COVID?**

The Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA) program may be able to help.

The KERA program, funded through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and administered by Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC), provides rent, utility, and internet assistance to households financially impacted by the COVID pandemic.

## **WHAT DOES ASSISTANCE COVER?**

- + Up to 12 months of current and past due household rent
- + Up to three months of prospective rent at a time, even if the household does not have rental arrears
- + Past due residential utility, home energy (electric, gas, water, sewer, and trash services), and internet expenses

Note: All expenses must have been billed or charged April 1, 2020 or later

# Unlocking Home

## YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR THIS PROGRAM IF YOU MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- + You rent your home.
- + Your 2020 income did not exceed 80 percent of your area's median income.
- + At least one member of your household is experiencing documented financial hardship as a result of the COVID pandemic. Hardship may include reduction in household income, loss of employment, or significant COVID-related expenses (medical bills, personal protective equipment, child care costs, equipment or Internet costs to enable online work/schooling, etc.).
- + At least one member of your household is uncertain where they will stay or may become homeless without housing assistance.
- + Applicant can provide valid proof of identification.

**Applicants must not have received assistance from other sources for the same costs and time period for which they are requesting KERA assistance.**

## HOW TO APPLY:

- 1 Landlord completes online certification.
- 2 Tenant submits online application.
- 3 Landlord and tenant are notified when application is processed.
- 4 If approved, landlord and/or service provider(s) receive funds directly from KHRC.
- 5 Landlord and/or service provider(s) applies assistance to tenant's account.

## LEARN MORE AND APPLY ONLINE

[kshousingcorp.org/emergency-rental-assistance/](https://kshousingcorp.org/emergency-rental-assistance/)



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