

City of Toledo COVID-19 Emergency Renter Assistance Fund

Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz announced the creation of the City of Toledo [COVID-19 Emergency Renter Assistance Fund](#)

“COVID-19 has caused unprecedented job loss and income reduction to low- and moderate-income families in Toledo,” Mayor Kapszukiewicz said. “Inability to pay rent threatens housing stability for all tenants and the continued financial viability of Toledo’s affordable housing. To address this challenge, the city is dedicating \$1 million from the COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant funding and another \$1 million from the COVID-19 Emergency Solutions Grant funding to establish the City of Toledo COVID-19 Emergency Renter Assistance Fund.”

The Emergency Renter Assistance Fund (ERAF) program will help provide stable housing for the most vulnerable Toledo families during this global crisis, the mayor said.

The ERAF will assist approximately 700 income-eligible households with three months maximum of emergency rental assistance, which will take the form of payments directly to landlords. The payments may cover rent, past due rent, late fees, new renter fees, security deposits, utility deposits, and moving costs. Only one application per unit is eligible. Applicants must be the named tenant. Multifamily units, duplexes, and single-family residential units rented, owned, and operated by an individual or corporate landlord are eligible.

The ERAF will provide rental assistance up to \$2,500 during a consecutive three-month period. During the period of approved rental assistance, beneficiaries will be encouraged to meet with a financial opportunity center coach.

The city has partnered with [NeighborWorks Toledo](#) and [Lutheran Social Services of Northwest Ohio](#) to operate the program. The organizations will accept ERAF applications on a first-come, first-served basis.

Existing Toledo tenants requiring rental assistance, and help with rental arrears, should contact NeighborWorks Toledo, 704 Second St., Toledo, Ohio 43605, 419-691-2900, www.nwtoledo.org.

Unhoused or homeless Toledoans seeking to transition to rentals, or to prevent from moving into a shelter, should contact Lutheran Social Services of Northwest Ohio, 2149 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43620, 419-243-9178, www.lssnwo.org.

Eligible program participants must:

- Rent a house or an apartment in the city of Toledo. This requirement does not apply to homeless individuals.
- Demonstrate lost income due to COVID-19, such as paystubs, letter of layoff or termination, records of unemployment, or bank statements.

- Have a maximum household income at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI) adjusted for household size. To calculate what percent of the area median income a tenant's income is, take the household's income and divide it by the 100 percent AMI income for a household of the same size.

Participant documentation requirements include:

- A completed ERAF application.
- A letter from the landlord stating delinquent amount. This requirement does not apply to homeless individuals.
- Proof of income of all household members 18-years-old and older.
- Valid identification.
- Documentation of loss of job or income due to COVID-19.
- Completion of a housing conditions survey by program-participating tenant. (Required for lead remediation grant assistance referral.)

Landlord requirements include:

- Property must be registered with the Lucas County Auditor as a rental property. (One week will be provided to the landlord to register the property. <http://co.lucas.oh.us/FormCenter/Auditor-5/RENTAL-PROPERTY-REGISTRATION-183>)
- Be current on Lucas County real estate taxes or on a payment plan.
- Agree to accept up to three months of ERAF payments.
- Provide current federal W-9 information form.
- Agree not to pursue evictions while receiving ERAF payments.
- Dismiss any pending evictions with proof prior to release of ERAF funds.

More information can be found at <https://toledo.oh.gov/renters>.

For your tenants that need assistance

All Paperwork through *Neighborhood Works* only,

Second St Toledo OH 43605

Only open a few hours every few days!!!

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