



## **GEORGIA RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NO LONGER ACCEPTING NEW APPLICATIONS AS OF OCTOBER 28, 2022**

### **KEY MESSAGING AND CALL TO ACTION**

The United States Treasury awarded the State of Georgia \$989 million for emergency rental assistance (\$552 million in ERA 1 funding and \$437 million in ERA 2 funding) to assist Georgians negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with rent, utilities and other housing-related expenses. In a year and half, the Georgia Rental Assistance (GRA) Program has expended more than \$830 million. This amount includes assistance to keep more than 48,594 tenants safely housed and to make more than 8,134 landlords whole. The program has served tenants and landlords in all 159 counties throughout the state.

Additionally, the GRA program reallocated approximately \$280 million to 10 of the 12 jurisdictions in Georgia who received their own ERA allocations. These jurisdictions requested additional funding from the State after exhausting all their allocated funding. This critical assistance allowed these local jurisdictions to continue to provide much-needed rental, utility and other housing-related assistance to Georgians in need within these jurisdictions.

With approximately 85 percent of our funding fully expended and committed, the GRA program expects the current pipeline of pending applications to exhaust our remaining funding. As of October 28, 2022, the GRA program will no longer accept new applications. Existing applications that have already been submitted as of October 28, 2022 will be reviewed and processed to continue to provide financial assistance to eligible applicants. Landlords can continue to submit applications in response to tenant applications that have already been submitted in the portal and are pending as of October 28, 2022.

**Call to Action:** To check the status of pending applications and to learn more, please visit [paymyrent.ga.gov](https://paymyrent.ga.gov) and refer to the FAQs.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **Can I still submit an application for emergency rental assistance?**

No. The Georgia Rental Assistance program is no longer accepting new tenant applications. All completed applications currently pending in the portal will be processed in the order in which they were received and/or the prioritization designated by the U.S. Treasury and program guidelines.

**If I completed my application before October 28<sup>th</sup> or have a recertification pending, what should I do?**

If you are a tenant who has already submitted a completed application or recertification request, you will continue to be able to access your application in the portal using your log-in information. To access the portal, go to <https://paymyrent.ga.gov/login>. Please continue to monitor your portal messages for any application updates.

**If I am a landlord whose tenants have pending applications, what should I do?**

Landlords can continue to submit applications in response to tenant applications that were submitted to the portal prior to October 28, 2022. Landlords can click this link: <https://paymyrent.ga.gov/check-eligibility/landlord> to submit an application.

**If I have an existing application, will it still be processed?**

Yes, all completed applications currently pending in the portal will be processed in the order in which they were received and/or the prioritization designated by the U.S. Treasury and program guidelines. To access the portal, go to <https://paymyrent.ga.gov/login>. Please continue to monitor your portal messages for any application updates.

**If I have not already applied for rental assistance with the Georgia Rental Assistance Program by October 28, 2022, what are my options?**

If you have not already applied for emergency rental assistance through the GRA Program as of October 28, 2022, you will not be able to receive assistance from the GRA program, but, there may be other funding available through one of the other 12 ERA programs throughout the state of Georgia. Here is the list of the other 12 jurisdictions who may have available funding:

Atlanta COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Program

<https://www.unitedwayatlanta.org/atlanta-covid-19-emergency-housing-assistance-program/>

Augusta-Richmond County Emergency Rental Assistance

<https://www.uwcsra.org/>

Chatham County Rental and Utility Assistance Program

<https://www.chathamcountyga.gov/OurCounty/EmergencyRental>

Cherokee County Emergency Rental Assistance

<https://www.mustministries.org/cherokee-co>

Clayton County Emergency Rental Assistance

<https://relief.claytoncountyga.gov/>

Cobb County Rental Assistance Program

<https://www.cobbcounty.org/communications/news/cobb-covid-assistance-center>

DeKalb Tenant-Landlord Assistance Coalition

<https://dekalbstatecourt.net/renthelp/>

Forsyth County Emergency Rental & Utility Relief Program (No Longer Accepting Applications)

<https://www.unitedwayforsyth.com/emergency-rental-and-utility-assistance>

Fulton County COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (No Longer Accepting Applications)

<https://fultoncountyga.gov/renthelp>

Gwinnett County Project RESET (No Longer Accepting Applications as of November 8, 2022)

<https://www.gwinnettcounty.com/web/gwinnett/departments/financialservices/grants/emergencyrentalassistanceprogram>

Hall County COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (No Longer Accepting Applications)

<https://www.hallcounty.org/1119/Emergency-Rental-Assistance>

Henry County COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Fund

<https://henryrap.org/>

**PLEASE NOTE: GRA cannot guarantee that these programs will have available funding when you apply** and you must apply for each program and meet their specific eligibility guidelines to determine if you are eligible for assistance.

**What if I have already received some rental assistance through the GRA Program and my recertification request is pending in the portal?**

The GRA Program will review and process all recertifications that were pending as of October 28, 2022. If your recertification was pending in the portal as of this date, it will be processed in the order in which it was received and/or the prioritization designated by the U.S. Treasury and program guidelines. No recertification requests received after October 28, 2022 will be processed.

**If a pending tenant application is already in the portal as of October 28, 2022, can a landlord still submit an application regarding this tenant application?**

Yes, a landlord can still complete an application regarding any completed tenant application that is pending in the portal as of October 28, 2022.