



# **pennsylvania**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

## **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Quarterly Report July – September 2023**



## Background

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is pleased to submit this report, as required by Act 2021-24, Article I-D of the Fiscal Code, 72 P.S. §103-D (a)(7.1) and (8):

Powers and duties.--The department shall have the power and duty to: prepare a quarterly consolidated report with information from all counties submitted under section 104-E(4) and shall submit the report on a quarterly basis to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. The report shall also be posted and maintained on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

The report shall include the following information:

- I. The total amount of funds received by a county.
- II. The total amount of funds spent by a county for services under section 102-E(a).
- III. The total number of households that applied for assistance.
- IV. The total number of households that received assistance.
- V. The total amount of funding sought by services under section 102-Ea).
- VI. The total amount of assistance provided by services under section 102-E(a).
- VII. An itemization of all expenditures for administrative costs.

Act 24 of 2021 authorized DHS to implement the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP2). The federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, (Pub. L. 117-2) allocated \$500,166,870.00 directly to Pennsylvania to assist those affected by or during COVID-19 by providing funding for certain past, current and future rental and utility expenses. Of that allocation, \$10,000,000.00 is to be used by DHS for administrative costs. Funding was allocated to all counties based on percentage of population minus any direct federal allocation per Section 102-E(c) of the Act. (See Tables 2, 4 and 6 for monthly allocations and expended/remaining funds.) A maximum of 13 percent of each county's allocated ERAP2 funds may be used for the costs of administration and 10 percent to provide housing stability services. Eighteen counties and one city received a separate allocation directly from the United States Treasury in addition to the funding allocated to them in accordance with Act 24 of 2021.

DHS officially launched ERAP2 on September 1, 2021. ERAP2 funds were initially used in tandem with the ERAP1 program. ERAP2 expanded eligibility for the program by providing assistance to households that experienced a financial hardship and housing instability during COVID-19. (See Tables 1, 3 and 5 for application data).

The total allocation amounts used in the DHS Allocation column reflect total ERAP2 Funds inclusive of the high-needs funds. Initial ERAP2 allocations were released in September 2021 with subsequent disbursements made in January and February 2022.

## **Definitions**

DHS uses the following definitions in this report:

- Rental Assistance - includes assistance for rent arrears, current rent, future rent, and utilities included as a part of the rent payment per the rental agreement
- Utility Assistance - includes payment for utilities, utility arrearages and future utility payments not included as a part of the rent
- Other Expenses Related to Housing – includes, but is not limited to, assistance with relocation expenses, rental fees, reasonable late fees, internet for work or home schooling (at county option).
- Housing Stability Services - services provided to coordinate the activities necessary for the client to obtain or retain housing including, but not limited to, case management and other services intended to keep households stably housed

***NOTE: This report reflects emergency rental assistance as implemented with funds allocated per Act 24 of 2021 and does not include expenditures of funds received by local municipalities directly from the United States Treasury.***

***All figures below reflect self-reported data by the county as of September 30, 2023 and may reflect corrections the county made for previous months.***

**ERAP2**

**APPLICATIONS September 1, 2021 – September 30, 2023**

Total number of households that applied for assistance:	168,550
Total number of households that received assistance:	98,224
Total number of households denied assistance:	53,459
Total number of applications pending at end of September 2023:	16,867

**ERAP2**

**FISCAL September 1, 2021 – September 30, 2023**

Total state funds allocated:	\$ 490,166,870.01
Emergency Rental Assistance paid as of September 30, 2023:	\$ 334,960,409.64
Rental Assistance	\$ 297,265,366.46
Utility Assistance	\$ 26,620,879.64
Other Expenses Related to Housing	\$ 11,074,163.54
Housing Stability Services paid as of September 30, 2023:	\$ 7,967,684.67
County administrative costs paid as of September 30, 2023:	\$ 32,317,163.14
Personnel	\$ 16,672,404.22
Operating	\$ 8,384,375.28
Purchased Services	\$ 7,260,383.64
Total amount paid as of September 30, 2023:	\$ 375,245,257.45
Total amount of funds remaining:	\$ 114,921,612.56
Total amount obligated as of September 30, 2023:	\$ 974,379.97
Total amount of funds remaining after obligations:	\$ 113,947,232.59

TABLE 1: ERAP2 APPLICATIONS AND DISPOSITIONS AS REPORTED BY COUNTIES  
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

County	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Denied	Applications Pending
Adams	2,087	1,898	149	40
Allegheny <sup>#</sup>	7,189	7,157	32	0
Armstrong	1,560	1,090	464	6
Beaver	1,755	1,658	62	35
Bedford	859	601	244	14
Berks	1,869	1,577	292	0
Blair	2,480	1,110	1,139	231
Bradford	837	607	227	3
Bucks	4,893	4,870	0	23
Butler	5,289	4,356	830	103
Cambria	1,510	432	873	205
Cameron	224	189	35	0
Carbon	846	790	56	0
Centre	2,182	1,744	437	1
Chester	1,912	1,714	0	198
Clarion	985	599	159	227
Clearfield	2,622	1,013	1,609	0
Clinton	1,369	597	446	326
Columbia	1,412	1,171	241	0
Crawford	1,087	1,082	5	0
Cumberland	0	0	0	0
Dauphin	1,849	304	525	1,020
Delaware	11,808	3,324	507	7,977
Elk	951	855	92	4
Erie	3,213	2,421	792	0
Fayette	3,126	1,463	1,493	170
Forest	33	27	5	1
Franklin	3,037	2,861	175	1
Fulton	391	354	35	2
Greene	226	129	97	0
Huntingdon	892	504	209	179
Indiana	2,336	1,540	576	220
Jefferson	1,334	683	478	173
Juniata	369	241	128	0
Lackawanna	1,651	535	82	1,034
Lancaster	5,742	4,379	1,363	0

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Lawrence	1,030	1,016	14	0
Lebanon	2,279	1,523	687	69
Lehigh	5,966	1,917	3,283	766
Luzerne	4,232	3,848	192	192
Lycoming	2,883	1,396	738	749
McKean	255	197	53	13
Mercer	1,704	1,485	219	0
Mifflin	1,117	738	379	0
Monroe	3,979	1,482	1,049	1448
Montgomery	5,663	5,100	436	127
Montour	319	256	53	10
Northampton	1,584	1,443	141	0
Northumberland	3,014	1,246	1,387	381
Perry	480	446	34	0
Philadelphia	36,190	8,761	27,429	0
Pike	949	715	217	17
Potter	218	193	20	5
Schuylkill	2,070	1,713	322	35
Snyder	728	556	32	140
Somerset	898	293	578	27
Sullivan	18	12	6	0
Susquehanna	485	359	116	10
Tioga	943	676	242	25
Union	656	499	60	97
Venango	447	295	152	0
Warren	547	489	54	4
Washington	4,793	4,412	378	3
Wayne	540	296	224	20
Westmoreland	1,524	1,232	211	81
Wyoming	208	188	1	19
York	2,906	1,567	903	436
<b>State Total</b>	<b>168,550</b>	<b>98,224</b>	<b>53,459</b>	<b>16,867</b>

*\*Shaded counties did not report any applications as of September 30, 2023.*

*# DHS continues to work with counties to reconcile application and fiscal history as needed*

TABLE 2: ERAP2 ALLOCATIONS AND EXPENDED FUNDS  
AS REPORTED BY COUNTIES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

County	Amount of Direct Federal Allocation Received	DHS Allocation	DHS funds Expended Program to Date	DHS funds Remaining YTD	DHS funds Obligated as of September 30	DHS Allocation after Obligations
Adams	\$0	\$6,158,056.37	\$5,549,374.93	\$608,681.44	\$0.00	\$608,681.44
Allegheny	\$39,672,916.30	\$37,918,216.04	\$17,837,206.62	\$20,081,009.42	\$0.00	\$20,081,009.42
Armstrong	\$0	\$3,568,098.63	\$2,996,232.58	\$571,866.05	\$0.00	\$571,866.05
Beaver	\$0	\$6,411,062.37	\$4,365,882.83	\$2,045,179.54	\$74,188.16	\$1,970,991.38
Bedford	\$0	\$1,980,337.05	\$1,653,769.64	\$326,567.41	\$0.00	\$326,567.41
Berks	\$12,656,511.90	\$12,711,796.54	\$11,864,052.49	\$847,744.05	\$0.00	\$847,744.05
Blair	\$0	\$6,861,502.43	\$4,744,504.35	\$2,116,998.08	\$0.00	\$2,116,998.08
Bradford	\$0	\$3,324,908.87	\$2,812,543.08	\$512,365.79	\$0.00	\$512,365.79
Bucks	\$14,812,668.30	\$20,104,647.01	\$19,151,993.71	\$952,653.30	\$0.00	\$952,653.30
Butler	\$0	\$10,425,442.39	\$10,241,412.08	\$184,030.31	\$0.00	\$184,030.31
Cambria	\$0	\$3,558,981.11	\$2,325,656.70	\$1,233,324.41	\$0.00	\$1,233,324.41
Cameron	\$0	\$251,171.61	\$251,171.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carbon	\$0	\$3,546,196.68	\$2,402,105.05	\$1,144,091.63	\$0.00	\$1,144,091.63
Centre	\$0	\$9,380,076.57	\$5,088,732.91	\$4,291,343.66	\$0.00	\$4,291,343.66
Chester	\$12,377,621.00	\$16,682,343.84	\$7,829,997.11	\$8,852,346.73	\$60,466.98	\$8,791,879.75
Clarion	\$0	\$2,659,986.55	\$2,153,699.71	\$506,286.84	\$0.00	\$506,286.84
Clearfield	\$0	\$4,371,518.09	\$4,329,876.46	\$41,641.63	\$0.00	\$41,641.63
Clinton	\$0	\$2,645,327.80	\$2,175,249.28	\$470,078.52	\$64,220.26	\$405,858.26
Columbia	\$0	\$4,108,351.41	\$3,531,389.89	\$576,961.52	\$0.00	\$576,961.52
Crawford	\$0	\$4,690,704.59	\$3,763,844.49	\$926,860.10	\$0.00	\$926,860.10
Cumberland	\$5,973,682.90	\$2,021,870.09	\$0.00	\$2,021,870.09	\$0.00	\$2,021,870.09
Dauphin	\$6,561,431.80	\$9,150,889.90	\$2,462,786.31	\$6,688,103.59	\$9,015.76	\$6,679,087.83
Delaware	\$13,362,145.80	\$20,403,581.37	\$20,403,581.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elk	\$0	\$1,425,866.59	\$1,158,403.77	\$267,462.82	\$0.00	\$267,462.82
Erie	\$6,359,354.10	\$11,868,943.54	\$8,923,196.74	\$2,945,746.80	\$0.00	\$2,945,746.80

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Fayette	\$0	\$7,711,894.05	\$6,396,644.47	\$1,315,249.58	\$185,239.67	\$1,130,009.91
Forest	\$0	\$175,991.34	\$88,130.62	\$87,860.72	\$0.00	\$87,860.72
Franklin	\$0	\$9,782,457.48	\$8,529,089.09	\$1,253,368.39	\$0.00	\$1,253,368.39
Fulton	\$0	\$799,399.31	\$780,137.72	\$19,261.59	\$0.00	\$19,261.59
Greene	\$0	\$1,972,060.29	\$458,454.91	\$1,513,605.38	\$0.00	\$1,513,605.38
Huntingdon	\$0	\$1,799,375.26	\$1,523,640.86	\$275,734.40	\$0.00	\$275,734.40
Indiana	\$0	\$4,721,039.00	\$4,138,049.42	\$582,989.58	\$70,068.87	\$512,920.71
Jefferson	\$0	\$2,416,871.79	\$1,825,531.87	\$591,339.92	\$0.00	\$591,339.92
Juniata	\$0	\$886,678.26	\$668,944.72	\$217,733.54	\$0.00	\$217,733.54
Lackawanna	\$4,943,466.10	\$6,911,285.49	\$3,590,102.55	\$3,321,182.94	\$0.00	\$3,321,182.94
Lancaster	\$12,866,488.30	\$17,776,247.49	\$10,960,193.21	\$6,816,054.28	\$0.00	\$6,816,054.28
Lawrence	\$0	\$5,262,648.18	\$4,838,798.26	\$423,849.92	\$0.00	\$423,849.92
Lebanon	\$0	\$7,887,987.61	\$6,967,865.70	\$920,121.91	\$0.00	\$920,121.91
Lehigh	\$11,788,108.60	\$11,473,982.92	\$11,447,215.70	\$26,767.22	\$0.00	\$26,767.22
Luzerne	\$7,483,713.60	\$12,273,964.83	\$11,629,409.20	\$644,555.63	\$0.00	\$644,555.63
Lycoming	\$0	\$6,868,012.39	\$6,689,705.03	\$178,307.36	\$0.00	\$178,307.36
McKean	\$0	\$1,806,805.44	\$684,104.68	\$1,122,700.76	\$0.00	\$1,122,700.76
Mercer	\$0	\$6,052,463.04	\$5,805,939.62	\$246,523.42	\$0.00	\$246,523.42
Mifflin	\$0	\$2,115,125.61	\$1,608,017.93	\$507,107.68	\$0.00	\$507,107.68
Monroe	\$0	\$11,865,060.89	\$8,422,269.76	\$3,442,791.13	\$0.00	\$3,442,791.13
Montgomery	\$24,379,049.70	\$29,180,994.06	\$22,829,589.78	\$6,351,404.28	\$0.00	\$6,351,404.28
Montour	\$0	\$1,009,520.13	\$812,375.44	\$197,144.69	\$0.00	\$197,144.69
Northampton	\$7,197,678.50	\$9,819,543.05	\$8,203,907.88	\$1,615,635.17	\$0.00	\$1,615,635.17
Northumberland	\$0	\$5,053,740.80	\$3,793,618.37	\$1,260,122.43	\$0.00	\$1,260,122.43
Perry	\$0	\$1,887,085.71	\$1,663,281.57	\$223,804.14	\$0.00	\$223,804.14



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Philadelphia	\$58,391,497.30	\$60,173,417.51	\$52,376,578.76	\$7,796,838.75	\$0.00	\$7,796,838.75
Pike	\$0	\$3,593,837.86	\$3,215,444.15	\$378,393.71	\$61,499.18	\$316,894.53
Potter <sup>#</sup>	\$0	\$671,925.50	\$364,914.76	\$307,010.74	\$0.00	\$307,010.74
Schuylkill	\$0	\$7,841,209.45	\$6,629,674.24	\$1,211,535.21	\$0.00	\$1,211,535.21
Snyder	\$0	\$2,205,899.17	\$1,631,962.35	\$573,936.82	\$127,164.73	\$446,772.09
Somerset	\$0	\$1,781,530.91	\$599,523.55	\$1,182,007.36	\$0.00	\$1,182,007.36
Sullivan	\$0	\$87,375.79	\$44,327.28	\$43,048.51	\$0.00	\$43,048.51
Susquehanna	\$0	\$1,544,282.16	\$1,023,071.86	\$521,210.30	\$0.00	\$521,210.30
Tioga	\$0	\$2,256,459.78	\$1,947,529.50	\$308,930.28	\$5,396.55	\$303,533.73
Union	\$0	\$2,503,015.11	\$1,510,283.81	\$992,731.30	\$55,792.83	\$936,938.47
Venango	\$0	\$1,742,582.67	\$1,185,539.70	\$557,042.97	\$0.00	\$557,042.97
Warren	\$0	\$1,838,545.55	\$1,498,127.30	\$340,418.25	\$0.00	\$340,418.25
Washington	\$4,877,238.50	\$6,530,211.16	\$6,061,642.11	\$468,569.05	\$251,697.94	\$216,871.11
Wayne	\$0	\$2,116,915.23	\$865,706.87	\$1,251,208.36	\$9,629.04	\$1,241,579.32
Westmoreland	\$8,225,962.00	\$6,551,091.45	\$4,209,258.42	\$2,341,833.03	\$0.00	\$2,341,833.03
Wyoming	\$0	\$677,495.32	\$422,111.72	\$255,383.60	\$0.00	\$255,383.60
York	\$10,587,402.30	\$14,310,963.53	\$9,287,879.00	\$5,023,084.53	\$0.00	\$5,023,084.53
<b>State Total</b>	<b>\$262,516,937.00</b>	<b>\$490,166,870.01</b>	<b>\$375,245,257.45</b>	<b>\$114,921,612.56</b>	<b>\$974,379.97</b>	<b>\$113,947,232.59</b>

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