



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) Monthly REPORT

Department of Human Services

August 2021

Background

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is pleased to submit this report, as required by Act 2021-1, 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 monthly consolidated report with information from all counties submitted under section 104-D(4) and shall submit the report on a monthly 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-D(a).
- (iii) The total amount of excess funding or shortfall identified by a county as of September 20, 2022.
- (iv) The total number of households that applied for assistance.
- (v) The total number of households that received assistance.
- (vi) The total amount of funding sought by services under section 102-D(a).
- (vii) The total amount of assistance provided by services under section 102-D(a).
- (viii) An itemization of all expenditures for administrative costs.

Act 1 of 2021 authorized DHS to implement the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). The federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, (Pub. L. 116-260) allocated \$569,807,659.70 directly to Pennsylvania to assist those affected by COVID-19 by providing funding for certain past, current and future rental and utility expenses. Of that allocation, the Pennsylvania General Assembly appropriated \$5,698,076.60 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-D(c) of the Act. (See Table 2 for allocations and expended/remaining funds as of August 31, 2021). Administrative costs and housing stability services shall not exceed 9.09 percent of each county's allocated funds. 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 1 of 2021.

DHS officially launched ERAP on March 15, 2021, though not all counties were operational on that date. All counties, however, were operational and accepting applications as of March 29, 2021. (See Table 1 for application data).

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 1 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 August 31, 2021 and may reflect the county made corrections for previous months.

APPLICATIONS August 1 – August 31, 2021

Number of applications pending at beginning of August:	47,944*
Total number of households that applied for assistance:	20,720*
Total number of households that received assistance:	7,711*
Total number of households denied assistance:	3,771*
Total number of applications pending at end of August:	57,182*

**applications at start of August increased by 38 from end of July due to a county adjustment*

FISCAL August 1 – August 31, 2021

Total state funds allocated:	\$ 564,109,583.10
Total state funds remaining as of July 31, 2021	\$ 414,556,802.78
Emergency Rental Assistance paid or obligated during August	\$ 33,916,694.49
Rental Assistance	\$ 28,577,930.85
Utility Assistance	\$ 5,140,950.57
Other Expenses Related to Housing	\$ 197,813.07
Housing Stability Services paid or obligated during August:	\$ 150,083.41
County administrative costs paid or obligated during August:	\$ 1,629,768.83
Personnel	\$ 644,890.96
Operating	\$ 283,871.49
Purchased Services	\$ 701,006.38
Total amount paid or obligated during August:	\$ 35,696,546.73
Total state funds remaining (YTD):	\$ 378,860,256.05

**These numbers include applications reported by counties that received a direct allocation from the U.S. Treasury but did not expend any DHS allocated funds.*

TABLE 1 APPLICATIONS AND DISPOSITIONS AS REPORTED BY COUNTIES AUGUST 1 - 31, 2021

County	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Denied	Applications Pending
Adams	131	91	13	42
Allegheny	1569	1043	12	5071
Armstrong	143	64	30	81
Beaver	344	193	15	450
Bedford	38	14	7	40
Berks	8	8	0	0
Blair	353	147	65	1011
Bradford	79	28	11	121
Bucks	57	60	0	36
Butler	330	120	0	364
Cambria	245	33	49	661
Cameron	16	15	1	12
Carbon	67	65	4	8
Centre	234	124	29	950
Chester	0	0	0	0
Clarion	87	44	36	198
Clearfield	194	215	42	0
Clinton	71	31	10	150
Columbia	135	82	126	96
Crawford	168	152	0	44
Cumberland	76	18	5	231
Dauphin	0	0	0	1244
Delaware	0	485	2118	89
Elk	22	22	13	40
Erie	472	319	57	356
Fayette	345	74	81	689
Forest	3	1	4	1
Franklin	277	223	22	78
Fulton	29	17	6	22
Greene	54	39	13	61
Huntingdon	83	52	11	110
Indiana	105	23	92	240
Jefferson	69	56	42	39
Juniata	18	7	9	6
Lackawanna	348	210	8	459
Lancaster	0	0	0	0
Lawrence	104	49	31	222
Lebanon	90	100	32	0

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County	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Denied	Applications Pending
Lehigh	0	0	0	0
Luzerne	0	0	0	0
Lycoming	148	164	0	485
McKean	115	74	41	13
Mercer	160	140	12	45
Mifflin	52	22	23	15
Monroe	350	233	60	429
Montgomery	629	454	16	199
Montour	21	13	5	19
Northampton	0	0	0	111
Northumberland	464	121	70	477
Perry	17	14	3	0
Philadelphia	11509	1690	305	41254
Pike	45	28	10	41
Potter	9	6	0	8
Schuylkill	173	180	40	84
Snyder	35	27	2	27
Somerset	79	78	20	140
Sullivan	3	1	5	2
Susquehanna	51	16	11	78
Tioga	49	7	15	104
Union	54	21	0	39
Venango	85	35	34	51
Warren	67	28	31	29
Washington	0	0	0	0
Wayne	55	25	24	21
Westmoreland	173	107	49	252
Wyoming	13	3	1	37
York	0	0	0	0
State Total	20,720	7,711	3,771	57,182

**Shaded counties did not report any DHS allocated funds expended in the current month. Some of these counties provided the number of applications received, approved, denied, and pending. The application counts are reflected in the numbers on page 3.*

TABLE 2 COUNTY ALLOCATIONS AND EXPENDED FUNDS AS REPORTED BY COUNTIES AUGUST 31, 2021

County	Amount of Direct Federal Allocation Received	DHS Allocation	DHS funds Expended August 1 - 31	DHS funds Remaining YTD
Adams	\$0	\$6,774,933.20	\$287,663.19	\$4,658,021.20
Allegheny	\$36,234,405.90	\$43,745,242.84	\$6,733,353.00	\$27,460,207.66
Armstrong	\$0	\$4,257,640.60	\$323,713.19	\$3,107,096.14
Beaver	\$0	\$10,781,660.09	\$2,355,182.41	\$2,975,550.04
Bedford	\$0	\$3,149,608.30	\$38,506.20	\$2,700,818.66
Berks	\$12,549,393.60	\$15,150,690.51	\$124,793.83	\$5,216,834.32
Blair	\$0	\$8,012,730.31	\$788,701.96	\$5,686,956.53
Bradford	\$0	\$3,967,462.02	\$191,612.06	\$3,093,443.88
Bucks	\$18,720,516.20	\$22,600,992.39	\$365,838.33	\$22,065,733.15
Butler	\$0	\$12,355,148.83	\$427,200.82	\$10,119,253.76
Cambria	\$0	\$8,562,767.36	\$151,572.76	\$7,823,160.89
Cameron	\$0	\$292,480.54	\$47,662.45	\$127,900.11
Carbon	\$0	\$4,221,269.62	\$258,367.95	\$2,993,446.02
Centre	\$0	\$10,680,110.74	\$681,850.29	\$8,034,763.45
Chester	\$15,643,059.70	\$18,885,626.18	\$0.00	\$18,885,626.18
Clarion	\$0	\$2,528,078.93	\$182,495.24	\$1,628,447.84
Clearfield	\$0	\$5,212,625.41	\$620,741.81	\$2,557,519.57
Clinton	\$0	\$2,540,838.37	\$130,433.31	\$1,912,595.60
Columbia	\$0	\$4,272,702.00	\$407,236.85	\$3,122,041.59
Crawford	\$0	\$5,566,075.02	\$777,895.71	\$2,739,290.76
Cumberland	\$7,549,647.80	\$9,114,574.00	\$0.00	\$8,856,165.69
Dauphin	\$8,292,455.40	\$10,011,354.30	\$0.00	\$8,312,599.03
Delaware	\$16,887,319.80	\$20,387,802.41	\$3,097,520.66	\$2,898,337.25
Elk	\$0	\$1,967,189.78	\$103,897.94	\$1,529,214.67
Erie	\$8,037,065.90	\$9,703,026.53	\$1,504,878.09	\$3,137,698.12
Fayette	\$0	\$8,502,390.22	\$490,689.28	\$6,367,054.00
Forest	\$0	\$476,637.39	\$4,496.62	\$432,885.91
Franklin	\$0	\$10,196,172.84	\$748,947.44	\$6,109,469.18
Fulton	\$0	\$955,642.51	\$37,367.87	\$729,550.51
Greene	\$0	\$2,383,055.41	\$111,994.71	\$1,901,742.13
Huntingdon	\$0	\$2,969,134.58	\$161,533.80	\$2,410,121.35
Indiana	\$0	\$5,529,506.73	\$89,098.73	\$4,999,215.31
Jefferson	\$0	\$2,856,075.43	\$197,856.73	\$2,372,695.79
Juniata	\$0	\$1,628,670.03	\$27,725.45	\$1,531,460.24
Lackawanna	\$6,247,641.20	\$7,542,681.42	\$905,329.89	\$2,105,451.09
Lancaster	\$16,260,899.00	\$19,631,534.12	\$0.00	\$19,631,534.12
Lawrence	\$0	\$5,624,150.19	\$217,575.80	\$4,047,084.52

TABLE 2 COUNTY ALLOCATIONS AND EXPENDED FUNDS AS REPORTED BY COUNTIES AUGUST 31, 2021

County	Amount of Direct Federal Allocation Received	DHS Allocation	DHS funds Expended August 1 - 31	DHS funds Remaining YTD
Lebanon	\$0	\$9,325,768.65	\$963,838.84	\$6,643,891.20
Lehigh	\$11,004,542.00	\$13,285,614.96	\$0.00	\$13,285,614.96
Luzerne	\$9,458,051.60	\$11,418,560.83	\$0.00	\$11,418,560.83
Lycoming	\$0	\$7,451,709.62	\$974,508.76	\$4,065,550.94
McKean	\$0	\$2,671,918.58	\$178,120.56	\$2,030,677.76
Mercer	\$0	\$7,196,849.69	\$453,198.27	\$5,105,777.31
Mifflin	\$0	\$3,034,510.26	\$95,287.62	\$2,518,552.34
Monroe	\$0	\$11,198,775.35	\$1,790,165.05	\$5,945,162.00
Montgomery	\$24,758,714.80	\$29,890,816.95	\$1,223,930.42	\$28,544,957.01
Montour	\$0	\$1,198,992.63	\$40,392.41	\$1,060,628.90
Northampton	\$9,096,555.30	\$10,982,131.81	\$0.00	\$8,751,789.94
Northumberland	\$0	\$5,974,771.68	\$471,076.43	\$3,970,372.29
Perry	\$0	\$3,043,323.48	\$63,291.23	\$2,587,423.09
Philadelphia	\$47,200,241.70	\$56,984,128.38	\$3,778,928.02	\$3,757,380.74
Pike	\$0	\$3,670,574.87	\$286,907.50	\$2,124,328.01
Potter	\$0	\$1,086,920.04	\$11,373.69	\$941,198.73
Schuylkill	\$0	\$9,297,224.34	\$749,208.88	\$7,165,816.04
Snyder	\$0	\$2,655,278.64	\$135,683.32	\$2,049,567.82
Somerset	\$0	\$4,830,631.48	\$224,592.99	\$3,894,491.70
Sullivan	\$0	\$398,962.66	\$11,038.85	\$346,961.38
Susquehanna	\$0	\$2,652,384.80	\$82,811.88	\$2,232,504.45
Tioga	\$0	\$2,669,682.39	\$29,279.76	\$2,455,125.42
Union	\$0	\$2,954,599.35	\$140,778.01	\$2,254,125.80
Venango	\$0	\$3,332,449.74	\$272,480.11	\$2,185,655.55
Warren	\$0	\$2,577,603.97	\$140,130.35	\$1,736,255.28
Washington	\$6,163,941.60	\$7,441,632.24	\$0.00	\$7,441,632.24
Wayne	\$0	\$3,378,028.56	\$81,625.42	\$3,081,659.53
Westmoreland	\$10,396,118.50	\$12,551,074.63	\$884,362.75	\$9,207,975.89
Wyoming	\$0	\$1,762,249.51	\$19,801.24	\$1,621,500.83
York	\$13,380,549.10	\$16,154,131.86	\$0.00	\$16,154,131.86
State Total	\$277,881,119.10	\$564,109,583.10	\$35,696,546.73	\$378,860,256.05