



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) Monthly REPORT

Department of Human Services

March and April 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), which provide in part:

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(a)(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 December 31, 2021.
- (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.

72 P.S. §103-D (a)(7.1) and (8).

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 April 30, 2021). A maximum of five percent of each county’s allocated funds may be used for administration of the ERAP program. 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 are county-reported as of April 30, 2021.

APPLICATIONS

Total number of households that applied for assistance:	35,939*
Total number of households that received assistance:	3,446*
Total number of households denied assistance:	1,023*
Total number of applications pending at end of April:	31,470*

FISCAL

Total state funds allocated:	\$564,109,583.10
Emergency Rental Assistance paid or obligated by end of April:	\$ 13,890,542.94
Rental Assistance	\$11,924,104.10
Utility Assistance	\$ 1,829,612.56
Other Expenses Related to Housing	\$ 136,826.28
Housing Stability Services paid or obligated by end of April:	\$ 184,349.24
County administrative costs paid or obligated by end of April:	\$ 1,414,074.42
Personnel	\$ 828,299.64
Operating	\$ 184,868.41
Purchased Services	\$ 400,906.37
Total amount paid or obligated by end of April:	\$ 15,488,966.60
Amount of funds remaining:	\$548,620.616.50

**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 APRIL 30, 2021

County	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Denied	Applications Pending
Adams	277	174	19	41
Allegheny	3526	341	1	3170
Armstrong	61	0	3	33
Beaver	671	23	7	641
Bedford	83	52	6	25
Berks	27	27	0	0
Blair	492	58	38	396
Bradford	125	40	2	34
Bucks	0	0	0	0
Butler	356	356	2	277
Cambria	292	24	37	231
Cameron	12	3	0	7
Carbon	72	82	1	10
Centre	737	81	33	513
Chester	0	0	0	0
Clarion	187	6	2	181
Clearfield	154	154	39	23
Clinton	138	33	9	59
Columbia	45	16	20	30
Crawford	176	130	4	22
Cumberland	0	0	0	0
Dauphin	739	4	17	22
Delaware	1919	41	0	1909
Elk	55	6	6	17
Erie	412	42	0	370
Fayette	431	68	65	281
Forest	7	2	0	2
Franklin	441	313	28	45
Fulton	53	25	18	2
Greene	48	23	4	19
Huntingdon	85	21	19	30
Indiana	342	36	84	124
Jefferson	87	11	27	49
Juniata	10	3	6	1
Lackawanna	450	183	5	265
Lancaster	0	0	0	0
Lawrence	0	90	246	0
Lebanon	148	128	20	31

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Lehigh	0	0	0	0
Luzerne	0	0	0	0
Lycoming	537	156	10	371
McKean	82	32	42	8
Mercer	99	22	0	77
Mifflin	44	18	6	16
Monroe	481	10	0	218
Montgomery	0	0	0	0
Montour	25	1	3	22
Northampton	0	0	0	0
Northumberland	375	89	44	241
Perry	46	39	7	0
Philadelphia	20174	0	0	20174
Pike	83	47	9	37
Potter	21	21	0	3
Schuylkill	247	115	18	118
Snyder	64	22	9	33
Somerset	245	108	37	40
Sullivan	7	4	1	3
Susquehanna	58	25	5	14
Tioga	65	5	14	65
Union	71	28	19	24
Venango	107	49	5	29
Warren	72	50	2	10
Washington	0	0	0	0
Wayne	54	2	10	13
Westmoreland	292	0	13	279
Wyoming	32	9	1	23
York	0	0	0	0
State Total	35939	3446	1023	31470

**Shaded counties did not report any DHS allocated funds expended. 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 APRIL 30, 2021

County	Amount of Direct Federal Allocation Received	DHS Allocation	DHS funds Expended	DHS funds Remaining
Adams	\$0	\$6774,933.20	\$813,327.20	\$5961,606.00
Allegheny	\$36,234,405.90	\$43,745,242.84	\$1,662,059.48	\$42,083,183.36
Armstrong	\$0	\$4,257,640.60	\$106,568.27	\$4,151,072.33
Beaver	\$0	\$10,781,660.09	\$469,270.72	\$10,312,389.37
Bedford	\$0	\$3,149,608.30	\$216,891.03	\$2,932,717.27
Berks	\$12,549,393.60	\$15,150,690.51	\$803,284.43	\$14,347,406.08
Blair	\$0	\$8,012,730.31	\$306,808.12	\$7,705,922.19
Bradford	\$0	\$3,967,462.02	\$164,978.07	\$3,802,483.95
Bucks	\$18,720,516.20	\$22,600,992.39	\$0.00	\$22,600,992.39
Butler	\$0	\$12,355,148.83	\$374,519.73	\$11,980,629.10
Cambria	\$0	\$8,562,767.36	\$102,111.79	\$8,460,655.57
Cameron	\$0	\$292,480.54	\$13,404.27	\$279,076.27
Carbon	\$0	\$4,221,269.62	\$366,489.00	\$3,854,780.62
Centre	\$0	\$10,680,110.74	\$433,455.68	\$10,246,655.06
Chester	\$15,643,059.70	\$18,885,626.18	\$0.00	\$18,885,626.18
Clarion	\$0	\$2,528,078.93	\$26,637.08	\$2,501,441.85
Clearfield	\$0	\$5,212,625.41	\$707,715.31	\$4,504,910.10
Clinton	\$0	\$2,540,838.37	\$121,524.98	\$2,419,313.39
Columbia	\$0	\$4,272,702.00	\$94,680.06	\$4,178,021.94
Crawford	\$0	\$5,566,075.02	\$495,916.87	\$5,070,158.15
Cumberland	\$7,549,647.80	\$9,114,574.00	\$0.00	\$9,114,574.00
Dauphin	\$8,292,455.40	\$10,011,354.30	\$142,180.27	\$9,869,174.03
Delaware	\$16,887,319.80	\$20,387,802.41	\$417,015.86	\$19,970,786.55
Elk	\$0	\$1,967,189.78	\$14,950.75	\$1,952,239.03
Erie	\$8,037,065.90	\$9,703,026.53	\$267,977.65	\$9,435,048.88
Fayette	\$0	\$8,502,390.22	\$226,711.26	\$8,275,678.96
Forest	\$0	\$476,637.39	\$11,320.86	\$465,316.53
Franklin	\$0	\$10,196,172.84	\$1,733,370.20	\$8,462,802.64
Fulton	\$0	\$955,642.51	\$96,144.43	\$859,498.08
Greene	\$0	\$2,383,055.41	\$109,594.48	\$2,273,460.93
Huntingdon	\$0	\$2,969,134.58	\$87,262.49	\$2,881,872.09
Indiana	\$0	\$5,529,506.73	\$116,072.70	\$5,413,434.03
Jefferson	\$0	\$2,856,075.43	\$41,310.60	\$2,814,764.83
Juniata	\$0	\$1,628,670.03	\$12,483.90	\$1,616,186.13
Lackawanna	\$6,247,641.20	\$7,542,681.42	\$998,033.17	\$6,544,648.25
Lancaster	\$16,260,899.00	\$19,631,534.12	\$0.00	\$19,631,534.12
Lawrence	\$0	\$5,624,150.19	\$316,408.30	\$5,307,741.89

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County	Amount of Direct Federal Allocation Received	DHS Allocation	DHS funds Expended	DHS funds Remaining
Lebanon	\$0	\$9,325,768.65	\$290,243.92	\$9,035,524.73
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	\$582,207.32	\$6,869,502.30
McKean	\$0	\$2,671,918.58	\$73,433.48	\$2,598,485.10
Mercer	\$0	\$7,196,849.69	\$162,859.46	\$7,033,990.23
Mifflin	\$0	\$3,034,510.26	\$107,407.91	\$2,927,102.35
Monroe	\$0	\$11,198,775.35	\$103,529.89	\$11,095,245.46
Montgomery	\$24,758,714.80	\$29,890,816.95	\$0.00	\$29,890,816.95
Montour	\$0	\$1,198,992.63	\$0.00	\$1,198,992.63
Northampton	\$9,096,555.30	\$10,982,131.81	\$0.00	\$10,982,131.81
Northumberland	\$0	\$5,974,771.68	\$318,451.77	\$5,656,319.91
Perry	\$0	\$3,043,323.48	\$147,405.03	\$2,895,918.45
Philadelphia	\$47,200,241.70	\$56,984,128.38	\$0.00	\$56,984,128.38
Pike	\$0	\$3,670,574.87	\$362,920.41	\$3,307,654.46
Potter	\$0	\$1,086,920.04	\$46,900.28	\$1,040,019.76
Schuylkill	\$0	\$9,297,224.34	\$0.00	\$9,297,224.34
Snyder	\$0	\$2,655,278.69	\$139,025.13	\$2,516,253.56
Somerset	\$0	\$4,830,631.48	\$431,985.55	\$4,398,645.93
Sullivan	\$0	\$398,962.66	\$8,493.22	\$390,469.44
Susquehanna	\$0	\$2,652,384.80	\$113,276.91	\$2,539,107.89
Tioga	\$0	\$2,669,682.39	\$21,521.87	\$2,648,160.52
Union	\$0	\$2,954,599.35	\$142,253.09	\$2,812,346.26
Venango	\$0	\$3,332,449.74	\$248,554.45	\$3,083,895.29
Warren	\$0	\$2,577,603.97	\$281,046.12	\$2,296,557.85
Washington	\$6,163,941.60	\$7,441,632.24	\$0.00	\$7,441,632.24
Wayne	\$0	\$3,378,028.56	\$8,464.80	\$3,369,563.76
Westmoreland	\$10,396,118.50	\$12,551,074.63	\$0.00	\$12,551,074.63
Wyoming	\$0	\$1,762,249.51	\$28,507.07	\$1,733,742.44
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	\$15,488,966.69	\$548,620,616.41