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The American Rescue Plan

Emergency Rental Assistance

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides an additional \$21.6 billion for an Emergency Rental Assistance program to help renters pay their rent and utility bills during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible tenants must:

- Have a valid rental agreement in their name
- Household's total gross income cannot exceed 80% Area Median Income for location
- The household has experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19, such as unemployment, reduced working hours, inability to find childcare during the pandemic, or loss of spousal/child support.

Funds are being disbursed at the local level, and Alabamians can find out more about the availability and application process at [Emergency Rental Assistance Alabama](#).

Note that after March 31, Alabama's largest counties will be providing a separate application process for their residents. These communities include Baldwin, Madison, Mobile, Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, and Jefferson Counties, and the cities of Huntsville and Birmingham. We will update information about those application processes in Alabama's 7th Congressional District as more information becomes available.