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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

**Emergency Rental
Assistance Program (ERAP)**

Quarterly Report

January – March 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 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 allocated 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 Table 2 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 Table 1 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 March 31, 2023 and may reflect the county made corrections for previous months.

ERAP2

APPLICATIONS September 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023

Total number of households that applied for assistance:	133,893
Total number of households that received assistance:	78,415
Total number of households denied assistance:	39,782
Total number of applications pending at end of March 2023:	15,696

ERAP2

FISCAL September 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023

Total state funds allocated:	\$ 490,166,870.01
Emergency Rental Assistance paid as of March 31, 2023:	\$ 261,065,757.38
Rental Assistance	\$ 233,845,284.33
Utility Assistance	\$ 20,171,614.66
Other Expenses Related to Housing	\$ 7,048,858.39
Housing Stability Services paid as of March 31, 2023:	\$ 2,660,337.90
County administrative costs paid as of March 31, 2023:	\$ 20,910,912.08
Personnel	\$ 9,769,322.52
Operating	\$ 5,560,249.77
Purchased Services	\$ 5,581,339.79
Total amount paid as of March 31, 2023:	\$ 284,637,007.36
Total amount of funds remaining:	\$ 205,529,862.65
Total amount obligated as of March 31, 2023:	\$ 1,984,406.77
Total amount of funds remaining after obligations:	\$ 203,545,455.88

TABLE 1: ERAP1 APPLICATIONS AND DISPOSITIONS AS REPORTED BY COUNTIES
MARCH 31, 2023

County	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Denied	Applications Pending
Adams	1,499	1,366	100	33
Allegheny	13,360	13,034	70	256
Armstrong	1,311	953	336	22
Beaver	814	744	17	53
Bedford	623	345	124	154
Berks	1,507	1,315	192	0
Blair	2,143	683	861	599
Bradford	774	549	202	23
Bucks	3,260	3,233	8	19
Butler	2,614	2,013	515	86
Cambria	1,415	225	610	580
Cameron	157	124	21	12
Carbon	843	782	56	5
Centre	1,821	1,402	418	1
Chester	834	663	0	171
Clarion	985	599	159	227
Clearfield	2,006	782	1,224	0
Clinton	893	451	341	101
Columbia	1,412	1,171	241	0
Crawford	1,087	1,082	5	0
Cumberland	0	0	0	0
Dauphin	1,838	171	175	1,492
Delaware	6,842	2,990	367	3,485
Elk	615	482	58	75
Erie	3,213	2,289	561	363
Fayette	2,621	1,088	1,338	195
Forest	25	20	2	3
Franklin	2,872	2,697	152	23
Fulton	228	215	13	0
Greene	212	125	87	0
Huntingdon	809	303	129	377
Indiana	1,923	1,235	374	314
Jefferson	937	504	242	191
Juniata	294	186	105	3
Lackawanna	1,651	535	82	1,034
Lancaster	5,742	4,379	17	1,346

TABLE 1: ERAP2 APPLICATIONS AND DISPOSITIONS AS REPORTED BY COUNTIES
AS OF MARCH 31, 2023

County	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Denied	Applications Pending
Lawrence	968	942	6	20
Lebanon	1,421	975	295	151
Lehigh	4,183	1,498	2,565	120
Luzerne	3,497	3,100	134	263
Lycoming	2,356	1,149	513	694
McKean	132	102	30	0
Mercer	1,420	1,236	184	0
Mifflin	839	562	252	25
Monroe	3,208	1,478	856	874
Montgomery	4,056	3,563	353	140
Montour	186	136	31	19
Northampton	1,208	1,081	127	0
Northumberland	2,064	896	1,056	112
Perry	374	347	27	0
Philadelphia	29,088	5,622	22,235	1,231
Pike	648	508	83	57
Potter	187	166	14	7
Schuylkill	1,374	1,202	106	66
Snyder	414	377	30	7
Somerset	812	290	518	4
Sullivan	7	1	3	3
Susquehanna	300	201	79	20
Tioga	609	467	104	38
Union	360	295	52	13
Venango	408	249	120	39
Warren	405	346	40	19
Washington	2,250	1,912	272	66
Wayne	412	209	184	19
Westmoreland	391	261	107	23
Wyoming	147	130	1	16
York	989	379	203	407
State Total	133,893	78,415	39,782	15,696

*Shaded counties did not report any applications as of March 31, 2023.

TABLE 2: ERAP2 ALLOCATIONS AND EXPENDED FUNDS
AS REPORTED BY COUNTIES AS OF MARCH 31, 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 March 31	DHS Allocation after Obligations
Adams	\$0	\$5,658,056.37	\$3,886,154.65	\$1,771,901.72	\$0.00	\$1,771,901.72
Allegheny	\$39,672,916.30	\$37,918,216.04	\$23,760,695.73	\$14,157,520.31	\$0.00	\$14,157,520.31
Armstrong	\$0	\$3,568,098.63	\$2,557,799.13	\$1,010,299.50	\$0.00	\$1,010,299.50
Beaver	\$0	\$9,073,565.53	\$1,070,206.14	\$8,003,359.39	\$108,888.80	\$7,894,470.59
Bedford	\$0	\$2,638,009.63	\$817,592.43	\$1,820,417.20	\$0.00	\$1,820,417.20
Berks	\$12,656,511.90	\$12,711,796.54	\$8,706,882.49	\$4,004,914.05	\$0.00	\$4,004,914.05
Blair	\$0	\$6,861,502.43	\$3,004,940.36	\$3,856,562.07	\$0.00	\$3,856,562.07
Bradford	\$0	\$3,324,908.87	\$2,424,652.51	\$900,256.36	\$0.00	\$900,256.36
Bucks	\$14,812,668.30	\$20,104,647.01	\$11,554,867.37	\$8,549,779.64	\$0.00	\$8,549,779.64
Butler	\$0	\$10,425,442.39	\$5,426,076.70	\$4,999,365.69	\$0.00	\$4,999,365.69
Cambria	\$0	\$7,242,156.05	\$1,516,866.73	\$5,725,289.32	\$0.00	\$5,725,289.32
Cameron	\$0	\$251,171.61	\$167,685.46	\$83,486.15	\$0.00	\$83,486.15
Carbon	\$0	\$3,546,196.68	\$2,379,143.70	\$1,167,052.98	\$0.00	\$1,167,052.98
Centre	\$0	\$9,380,076.57	\$3,743,765.34	\$5,636,311.23	\$0.00	\$5,636,311.23
Chester	\$12,377,621.00	\$16,682,343.84	\$2,765,294.50	\$13,917,049.34	\$0.00	\$13,917,049.34
Clarion	\$0	\$2,159,986.55	\$2,153,699.71	\$6,286.84	\$0.00	\$6,286.84
Clearfield	\$0	\$4,371,518.09	\$3,080,142.61	\$1,291,375.48	\$7,916.79	\$1,283,458.69
Clinton	\$0	\$2,145,327.80	\$1,794,459.71	\$350,868.09	\$229,328.22	\$121,539.87
Columbia	\$0	\$3,608,351.41	\$3,582,665.56	\$25,685.85	\$0.00	\$25,685.85
Crawford	\$0	\$4,690,704.59	\$3,763,844.49	\$926,860.10	\$0.00	\$926,860.10
Cumberland	\$5,973,682.90	\$8,087,480.38	\$0.00	\$8,087,480.38	\$0.00	\$8,087,480.38
Dauphin	\$6,561,431.80	\$9,150,889.90	\$1,341,059.52	\$7,809,830.38	\$76,120.16	\$7,733,710.22
Delaware	\$13,362,145.80	\$18,403,581.37	\$18,020,740.57	\$382,840.80	\$0.00	\$382,840.80
Elk	\$0	\$1,635,165.41	\$605,222.86	\$1,029,942.55	\$0.00	\$1,029,942.55
Erie	\$6,359,354.10	\$8,868,943.54	\$8,686,841.56	\$182,101.98	\$0.00	\$182,101.98

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Fayette	\$0	\$7,211,894.05	\$4,587,798.06	\$2,624,095.99	\$208,231.84	\$2,415,864.15
Forest	\$0	\$391,991.34	\$63,855.69	\$328,135.65	\$0.00	\$328,135.65
Franklin	\$0	\$8,582,457.48	\$8,143,130.10	\$439,327.38	\$0.00	\$439,327.38
Fulton	\$0	\$799,399.31	\$439,103.09	\$360,296.22	\$0.00	\$360,296.22
Greene	\$0	\$1,972,060.29	\$445,144.35	\$1,526,915.94	\$0.00	\$1,526,915.94
Huntingdon	\$0	\$2,474,768.18	\$771,265.95	\$1,703,502.23	\$0.00	\$1,703,502.23
Indiana	\$0	\$4,721,039.00	\$2,534,408.76	\$2,186,630.24	\$65,609.03	\$2,121,021.21
Jefferson	\$0	\$2,416,871.79	\$1,258,004.78	\$1,158,867.01	\$0.00	\$1,158,867.01
Juniata	\$0	\$1,363,232.26	\$536,207.37	\$827,024.89	\$0.00	\$827,024.89
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	\$4,762,648.18	\$4,509,789.98	\$252,858.20	\$0.00	\$252,858.20
Lebanon	\$0	\$7,887,987.61	\$4,260,125.54	\$3,627,862.07	\$0.00	\$3,627,862.07
Lehigh	\$11,788,108.60	\$11,473,982.92	\$9,366,035.81	\$2,107,947.11	\$0.00	\$2,107,947.11
Luzerne	\$7,483,713.60	\$10,273,964.83	\$9,818,715.46	\$455,249.37	\$0.00	\$455,249.37
Lycoming	\$0	\$6,368,012.39	\$5,396,263.38	\$971,749.01	\$0.00	\$971,749.01
McKean	\$0	\$2,253,817.44	\$351,024.16	\$1,902,793.28	\$0.00	\$1,902,793.28
Mercer	\$0	\$6,052,463.04	\$4,853,026.66	\$1,199,436.38	\$577,865.02	\$621,571.36
Mifflin	\$0	\$2,548,106.46	\$1,224,095.60	\$1,324,010.86	\$0.00	\$1,324,010.86
Monroe	\$0	\$9,465,060.89	\$9,314,257.58	\$150,803.31	\$0.00	\$150,803.31
Montgomery	\$24,379,049.70	\$25,180,994.06	\$15,083,467.20	\$10,097,526.86	\$0.00	\$10,097,526.86
Montour	\$0	\$1,009,520.13	\$401,456.44	\$608,063.69	\$0.00	\$608,063.69
Northampton	\$7,197,678.50	\$9,819,543.05	\$4,828,939.83	\$4,990,603.22	\$0.00	\$4,990,603.22
Northumberland	\$0	\$5,053,740.80	\$2,551,973.11	\$2,501,767.69	\$0.00	\$2,501,767.69
Perry	\$0	\$2,535,242.89	\$1,205,852.82	\$1,329,390.07	\$0.00	\$1,329,390.07

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Philadelphia	\$58,391,497.30	\$51,829,294.08	\$41,142,511.97	\$10,686,782.11	\$0.00	\$10,686,782.11
Pike	\$0	\$3,093,837.86	\$2,356,585.61	\$737,252.25	\$132,364.15	\$604,888.10
Potter	\$0	\$912,332.68	\$324,857.13	\$587,475.55	\$0.00	\$587,475.55
Schuylkill	\$0	\$7,841,209.45	\$4,502,352.34	\$3,338,857.11	\$0.00	\$3,338,857.11
Snyder	\$0	\$2,205,899.17	\$1,091,105.27	\$1,114,793.90	\$0.00	\$1,114,793.90
Somerset	\$0	\$4,025,327.70	\$551,017.77	\$3,474,309.93	\$0.00	\$3,474,309.93
Sullivan	\$0	\$331,044.43	\$4,171.56	\$326,872.87	\$0.00	\$326,872.87
Susquehanna	\$0	\$2,220,580.72	\$595,605.25	\$1,624,975.47	\$0.00	\$1,624,975.47
Tioga	\$0	\$2,256,459.78	\$1,252,835.56	\$1,003,624.22	\$17,765.27	\$985,858.95
Union	\$0	\$2,503,015.11	\$986,527.79	\$1,516,487.32	\$300.00	\$1,516,187.32
Venango	\$0	\$2,787,963.18	\$936,171.73	\$1,851,791.45	\$0.00	\$1,851,791.45
Warren	\$0	\$2,154,064.84	\$951,262.38	\$1,202,802.46	\$0.00	\$1,202,802.46
Washington	\$4,877,238.50	\$6,530,211.16	\$2,621,166.85	\$3,909,044.31	\$549,686.59	\$3,359,357.72
Wayne	\$0	\$2,816,915.23	\$604,609.06	\$2,212,306.17	\$10,330.90	\$2,201,975.27
Westmoreland	\$8,225,962.00	\$11,055,787.17	\$1,007,533.01	\$10,048,254.16	\$0.00	\$10,048,254.16
Wyoming	\$0	\$1,477,495.32	\$297,391.97	\$1,180,103.35	\$0.00	\$1,180,103.35
York	\$10,587,402.30	\$14,310,963.53	\$2,105,764.80	\$12,205,198.73	\$0.00	\$12,205,198.73
State Total	\$262,516,937.00	\$490,166,870.01	\$284,637,007.36	\$205,529,862.65	\$1,984,406.77	\$203,545,455.88

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