



*"The pandemic created financially challenging and difficult times for individuals and families who experienced a loss of income or loss of employment. Our Emergency Rental Assistance Program will help eligible residents and families catch up on their rent or utility arrears or pay their rent and/or utility bills prospectively. This ultimately will prevent individuals and families from getting evicted from their housing and becoming homeless."*

*Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.*



**Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive  
And The Essex County Board of County Commissioners  
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## **2021 Essex County Emergency Rental Assistance Program**

***You may qualify for rental assistance if the pandemic negatively impacted your ability to pay rent or utilities***

**Apply on-line at**

**<https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/ERAP-ESSEXCOUNTYNJ/Participant>**

**Applications will be available beginning Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Tenants and Landlords may apply. *(Landlords would be applying on behalf of their tenants.)*
- Awards will be granted on a first come, first served basis.
- Income for eligible applicants must be at or under 80 percent of the Area Medium Income (AMI) set by HUD.
- Applicants must supply the following:
  - Identification of head of household
  - Income information for all those in the household older than 18
  - A copy of the lease
  - Information about unpaid rent and utilities
- Residents of Section 8 or Public Housing may be eligible to receive assistance for costs not covered by federal assistance or the tenants' portion.

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