

ERAP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE APRIL 12 8AM

Seven local nonprofit organizations joined today to announce the launch of the Hawai'i County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). Program applications will be available starting Monday, April 12th, at 8 am.

ERAP nonprofit partners are encouraging Hawai'i Island residents who are at least 18 years old and lost income due to COVID-19 to prepare ahead to apply when applications open.

ERAP is funded by the County of Hawai'i through federal funding and will provide rent and utility grants to an estimated 3,400 households that income qualify and can prove hardship due to COVID-19 for each month they receive assistance from March 2020 to December 2021. Funding will be limited to households' primary residence on Hawai'i Island. Households will be limited to 12 months of total grant assistance.

QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify for rent or utility assistance grants starting April 12th, applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a Hawai'i Island resident
- At least 18 years old
- Experience financial hardship due to COVID-19, and
- 2020 or current annual gross household income at or below 80% of area median income for the number of members in their household. See chart to determine if your household income qualifies.

ERAP will give priority to households at or below 50% of area median income with household members who have been unemployed for 90 days preceding the date of the application. An estimated 75% of all funding will go to households at this income level.

