



Application Checklist for Renters

Planning to apply for the Cook County Emergency Rental Assistance Program? Start gathering your supporting documents now so you're ready to go. Applications open March 11, 2021, and will be accepted until April 2, 2021. Apply at cookcountyil.gov/recovery.

It's important to submit ALL required documents so we can process your application without delay. All documentation will be verified to determine eligibility. Funding is limited and not guaranteed.

FOR RENTERS:

You will need to submit the following information **during the initial application**:

Check Box	Verification Required	Acceptable Documents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Photo identification	Government Issued ID • State ID <i>OR</i> • Driver's license <i>OR</i> • Passport <i>OR</i> • Other ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security card (if available)	• Only if you have been issued a Social Security number
<input type="checkbox"/>	Household income for 2020	• W-2 or tax filings <i>OR</i> • Unemployment benefits <i>OR</i> • Paystubs or bank statements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of COVID-related financial emergency	• Unemployment claim dated after March 13, 2020 <i>OR</i> • Notice from your employer on company letterhead that states you have been laid off or furloughed, or had a reduction in work hours <i>OR</i> • Copies of medical bills, childcare expenses, or other significant costs the household incurred since March 13, 2020 • If you are self-employed: Paystubs or bank statements showing decreased income after March 1, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/>	Latest utility bill (if applying for utility assistance)	• Gas or electric bill

For questions, language translation services, or help completing your application, please call our Emergency Rental Assistance Program helpline at **877-426-6515**

Helpline hours

Monday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.