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## **Emergency Rental Assistance Program Launches**

**MONROE, N.C. (May 27, 2021)** – Union County has launched an Emergency Rental Assistance Program and is accepting applications from residents impacted by COVID-19 and need assistance paying their rent and/or utility bills. Union County received \$7.23 million in federal [COVID-19 Economic Relief funding](#) to establish the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

The program is open to renters residing in Union County who have a household income 80% or less of the area median income and have been financially impacted by COVID-19. In addition to assistance with rent, renters are also able to receive assistance with utilities, including electricity, water/sewer, trash removal, natural gas, propane, fuel oil, and internet. Households may receive up to 12 months of assistance.

"We know there is a great need among our residents for this assistance, as the number of families we have served since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic has increased," said Stephanie Starr, Director of Community Support and Outreach. "This federal funding allows us another way to help families impacted by COVID-19, so they don't have to choose between paying rent and buying groceries."

For the link to apply, eligibility criteria, frequently asked questions and additional information, visit [unioncountync.gov/ERAP](http://unioncountync.gov/ERAP).

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