

COVID EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE



Who is Eligible?

Renter households that have incomes less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) who meet the following conditions:

- Individual(s) in the household has qualified for unemployment benefits or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or has experienced other financial hardship due directly or indirectly to the coronavirus outbreak; and
- Individual(s) in the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability evidenced by a past due utility or rent notice.

Assistance Provided

- Up to 12 months back rent assistance, with 3 months of forward rent for lowest income tenants
- Water, sewer, heat, and electricity utility assistance up to a maximum of \$2,500 based on household size. A one-time \$300 internet stipend is also available for those presenting a bill.

Documents Required



Tenants

- State ID or passport
- 2020 IRS 1040, pay stubs last 2 months, unemployment letters or SSI letters
- Past due rent notice and utility bills
- Copy current lease agreement
- Proof of COVID hardship: medical bills, childcare expense, or other major costs incurred during pandemic
- Signed, completed Tenant Application





Landlords

- Signed, completed Landlord Application
- Copy of lease
- Ledger
- W-9

To submit applications online please go to:

[Michigan.gov/CERA](https://www.michigan.gov/CERA) or paper applications are available at GCCARD

Who to Contact in Genesee County:

<p>If you reside in zip codes:</p> <p>48411, 48415, 48418, 48420, 48421, 48423, 48437, 48439, 48442, 48449, 48462, 48463, 48473, 48502, 48503, 48504, and 48532</p>	<p>If you reside in zip codes:</p> <p>48429, 48430, 48433, 48436, 48438, 48451, 48457, 48458, 48464, 48505, 48506, 48507, 48509, 48519, 48529, and 48746</p>
 <p>Catholic Charities of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties Phone: 810-232-3777 CERA@ccsgc.org</p>	 <p>GCCARD (Genesee County Community Action Resource Department) Phone: 810-768-4675 gccardnsc@co.genesee.mi.us</p>

For Additional CERA Program Information

Visit the [Michigan State Housing Development Authority](https://www.michigan.gov/housing) website.