

Indianapolis Rental Assistance Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Many people in Indianapolis have suffered economically because of the COVID-19 crisis. The following are the most Frequently Asked Questions on the Indianapolis Rental Assistance Program.



What assistance is available?

Assistance is available to Marion County renters only.

Who's eligible for this program?

Households at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) that have experienced a reduction in earned income and are at risk of housing instability are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to households below 50% AMI **or** who have been unemployed for 90 days or longer at the time of application.

Household Size	<50% AMI	<80% AMI
Family of 1	\$28,600	\$45,750
Family of 2	\$32,650	\$52,250
Family of 3	\$36,750	\$58,800
Family of 4	\$40,800	\$65,300
Family of 5	\$44,100	\$70,550
Family of 6	\$47,350	\$75,750

Can I apply if I already participated in the program in 2020?

Yes, 2020 recipients are eligible to apply, as long as it does not duplicate any month already paid during last year's program. Assistance received in 2020 does not count toward the 12-month maximum.

How can I apply (new applicants)?

Go to indyrent.org and scroll down to the tenant section to begin a new application.

What documents do I need to provide?

Having a benefits letter from an approved program (TANF, SSI, EAP, SNAP, or HIP) from any time since January 1, 2020, **or** a copy of your 2020 IRS Form 1040 **or** other proof of income will help speed up the review of your application.

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How many months of assistance are available?

Up to 12 months total (back or forward), including late fees accrued after **April 1, 2020**.

- If you need funds for back rent/past due rent, you can ask for as many months as you need at one time.
- If you need funds for current or forward rent, Federal guidelines limit the amount of rental assistance you can request to three months at one time.

A household may not receive a total of more than 12 months of assistance, whether it is past due rent, current, or future months' rent from all 2021 applications.

The maximum monthly amount of assistance cannot exceed Fair Market Rent.

What's the current Fair Market Rent?

Number of Bedrooms	Allowable Monthly Rent
Efficiency	\$678
One-Bedroom	\$781
Two-Bedroom	\$946
Three-Bedroom	\$1,248
Four-Bedroom	\$1,455

When can I apply for additional assistance?

Tenants who have already received rental assistance since April 5, 2021, will be invited back to request additional months. Tenants will be notified in groups beginning with those whose initial application was approved more than 90 days ago.

If your application was approved more than 90 days ago, please watch your email for an invitation to apply for additional funding.

If you have not received an email, it is not yet your turn to reapply. You can check the timeline at indyrent.org to know when it will be your turn.

Can I still request additional assistance if I have moved?

Yes. If you have received rental assistance after April 5, 2021, but have moved since then, you will have an opportunity to update your address, rent, and lease information. You are still eligible to request additional months of rental assistance.

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If I receive federal rental assistance through Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) or Project-Based Section 8 Rental Assistance (PBRA), can I still apply for this program?

Yes, the renter's portion of HCV or PBRA is eligible under this program.

How will I know if I am approved?

You will be contacted at the email address and/or phone number you provided in the application. You can also check the application status at indyrent.org.

What happens if my landlord does not respond?

Three attempts will be made to contact your landlord (via phone, email, and/or USPS mail) based on available information. If your landlord does not respond within 21 days, tenants will be contacted to provide additional information necessary to complete the application - including proof of identification, a copy of the executed lease, proof of residency, and prior payment history. Payments could be made directly to the tenant in some cases.



Questions? Call **317-912-1260** if you need more information.

This program has been developed in partnership with the Indianapolis Community Response Network. If you're currently receiving services and need assistance completing the application, contact your case manager at: John Boner Neighborhood Centers, Christamore House, Community Alliance of the Far Eastside (CAFE), Concord Neighborhood Center, Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center, Flanner House, Hawthorne Community Center, Indianapolis Urban League, MLK Center, La Plaza, Edna Martin Christian Center, Mary Rigg Community Center, Southeast Community Services.

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