

# Apply for rental assistance!

Capital News Daily reported that The application portal is now open for rental assistance for Illinoisans who lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Illinois Rental Payment Program, or ILRPP, money comes from the federal American Rescue Plan Act signed into law by President Joe Biden in March. It will be administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

The application portal is available at [illinoishousinghelp.org](https://illinoishousinghelp.org). To be eligible, a tenant must have an unpaid rent balance on a rental property which is their primary residence. They must have experienced a financial hardship due to the pandemic, have a household income below 80 percent of the Area Median Income and must be an Illinois resident. **Please read the website on all the rules for eligibility.**

The portal for the latest round of funding will be open until 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 9.

A photograph of a single-story yellow house with a grey roof and a small front porch. A teal speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text. A large teal and orange arrow graphic points from the left towards the house.

Illinois Rental Assistant Program opens for new applications.

## Funding is available to Illinois residents to avoid water shutoffs!

Residents unable to pay a water or sewer bill can find more information on applying for assistance at [www.helpillinoisfamilies.com](http://www.helpillinoisfamilies.com).

The funds are available to low-income families who are facing disconnection, those who have already been shut off, or those with outstanding bills of \$250 or more.

Applications are available online now through August 2023, or whenever funds are exhausted. Please check website for eligibility rules!!