

Are you a renter who is at risk of homelessness or housing instability due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic?

THE NEW YORK STATE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) MAKES AVAILABLE FUNDS TO ASSIST HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE UNABLE TO PAY RENT, RENTAL ARREARS, AND UTILITY ARREARS INCURRED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FROM MARCH 13, 2020 TO PRESENT. ERAP applications can be accessed at www.OTDA.ny.gov/ERAP

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York will be at the

## **Troy Public Library**

100 2nd St, Troy, NY 12180

to help with questions & concerns you have about the ERAP application:

Wednesday, August 18 from 1pm - 4pm

Wednesday, August 25 from 1pm - 4pm Cancelled

Wednesday, September 1 from 1pm - 4pm

If you can't make the above dates or times, please call the LASNNY Legal Line at 833-628-0087 to make an appointment.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Must be an Rensselaer County renter who has fallen behind on rent at your current residence from March 13, 2020 to present
- Must have a household member who has received unemployment benefits OR experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant costs, or experienced financial hardship, directly or indirectly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Must be at at risk of homelessness or housing instability
- Total household income must be at or below 80% Area Median Income

## WHAT DOCUMENTS WILL YOU NEED?

- Identification for primary applicant (e.g. driver's license, birth certificate, photo ID)
- Social Security numbers for all members of household who have one
- Proof of income (either calendar year 2020 tax filings or current monthly income shown by paystubs from the prior month)
- Proof of rental amount and occupancy (e.g. signed lease, rent receipt)
- A copy of gas or electric utility bill (if applying for utility arrears)

## You may be eligible to receive up to 12 months of assistance paid directly to your landlord. You may qualify for assistance with your utility arrears if you also owe back rent.

For help with an urgent civil legal matter, call our Legal Line for an intake weekdays between 9am & 5pm - 833-628-0087

Legal Aid Society NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK **833-628-0087** www.lasnny.org/ERAP

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