

**WIYOT TRIBE  
EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE**



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He'ba'lo' Wiyot Citizens,

We are proud to announce our own Emergency Rental Assistance program to assist Wiyot households during this pandemic. This program is to alleviate the costs of rent and utilities if not explicitly a part of your rental agreement, including energy, water, garbage, and home telephone-Internet (*not cellular service*). This program is for those who pay rent, not those who pay a mortgage or own their home. Due to the nature of the program and emergency if you are already evicted or homeless having prior resided in a rental property this program can support a new rental or short-term hotel stay until you find a new residence.

To ensure that we meet the needs of the most citizens, we have an annual (12 months from first award) cap of \$1,500.00 per household. A qualified applicant must:

- Be an enrolled member of the Wiyot Tribe, Table Bluff Reservation;
- one or more individuals within the household has qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 outbreak;
- Must be obligated to pay rent on a residential dwelling or be already evicted/homeless; and
- the household has a household income at or below 80% of area median income (ex. as of 2021 median annual household income in Humboldt is \$62,151).

To successfully apply, the application must be completed and have attached the required documents as indicated (see page 2, documentation cannot be dated no earlier than March 13, 2020):

- Proof of income
- Copy of rent agreement stating amount of rent and any other fees, including utilities if provided by the landlord.
- If utilities are billed to you directly, copies of utility bills

If you are currently renting, payments will be made directly to the landlord. Ensure that the landlord contact and mailing information is provided in the application. A landlord may also apply on behalf of the household. This program will accept applications until the deadline of September 30, 2025, or until funds have been exhausted, whichever comes first. We hope that this program brings our Citizens some relief during this pandemic. We stand with you. Contact the Health & Human Services Department at (707) 733-5055 for any questions with this program.

Rra'dutwas (With kindness),

Robert Pitts  
Health and Human Services Director

# Application for Emergency Rental Assistance

Who's applying?    Tenant    Landlord (on behalf of tenant)

Tenant Information			
Last Name	First Name		SSN#
Address <small>This is a new mailing address, please update my enrollment record.</small>	City	Zip	County
Phone	Email Address		Date
Household:   Number of Adults _____   Number of Children under 18 _____			
Has anyone in your household experienced financial hardship which may include, but not limited to, a period of unemployment, a decrease in household income or had increased household costs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If Yes, was this financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Is anyone in your household at risk of homelessness or housing instability? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Has anyone in the household received federally funded rental assistance in the past 12 months? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Are you a veteran? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Has anyone been a victim of domestic violence? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Citizenship: <input type="checkbox"/> Wlyot Citizen   ID# _____			
Race ( <i>check all that apply</i> ): <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <div style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander   <input type="checkbox"/> White   <input type="checkbox"/> Other</div>			
Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	

Landlord or Property Manager Information			
Property Management Company ( <i>if applicable</i> )			
Last Name	First Name		Tax ID# or SSN#
Address	City	Zip	
Phone	Email Address		

Tenant Utility Information			
Company Name	Address ( <i>Street, City, Zip</i> )	Phone	Account #

### Tenant Household Income

Please tell us about the income of any individual in your household who is 18 or over.

Does anyone in your household have any income?  Yes  No

If yes, check all that apply, and list the income you have already received.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commissions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Dividends<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gambling/Lottery<br><input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Fees<br><input type="checkbox"/> Money Earned from Babysitting<br><input type="checkbox"/> Money for Training<br><input type="checkbox"/> Money Paid to You for Loans | <input type="checkbox"/> Money Paid to You for Rent<br><input type="checkbox"/> Money Paid to You for Room or Board<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pensions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sick Benefits<br><input type="checkbox"/> Social Security<br><input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Union Pay<br><input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Benefit<br><input type="checkbox"/> Wages from Employment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Workers Compensation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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Name of Person with Income	Type/Source of Income/Name of Employer	Income/Pay: How Much?	How Often Paid	Date of Most Recent Payment

### Tenant Household Expenses

Rent	Monthly \$ _____	Arrears \$ _____
Electric	Monthly \$ _____	Arrears \$ _____
Gas	Monthly \$ _____	Arrears \$ _____
Oil	Monthly \$ _____	Arrears \$ _____
Propane	Monthly \$ _____	Arrears \$ _____
Coal/Wood/Other	Monthly \$ _____	Arrears \$ _____
Trash	Monthly \$ _____	Arrears \$ _____
Water/Sewer	Monthly \$ _____	Arrears \$ _____

Notes:

### ERAP Agency Use Only

Authorization Information:  Approved  Denied Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type(s) of Assistance Provided:

- Rental Assistance  
  Rental Arrears  
  Housing Stability Services  
  Utility Assistance  
  Utility Arrears

Amount of Assistance:

Rental Assistance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rental Arrears \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Housing Stability \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Utility Assistance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Utility Arrears \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of months covered with:  
 Rental Assistance \_\_\_\_\_  
 Utility Assistance \_\_\_\_\_

Household Income Level:

- Does not exceed 30 percent of the area median income for the household  
 Exceeds 30 percent but does not exceed 50 percent of the area median income for the household  
 Exceeds 50 percent but does not exceed 80 percent of area median income for the household

Notes:  Used 2020 annual calculation for eligibility       Used monthly income at time of application

## Rights and Responsibilities

### RIGHT TO NONDISCRIMINATION

This institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex and in some cases religion or political beliefs.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a complaint of discrimination regarding a program receiving federal financial assistance through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS):

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
HHS Director, Office for Civil Rights, Room 515-F  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201; or

(2) call: (202) 619-0403 (voice) or (800) 537-7697 (TTY).

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

### RIGHT TO CONFIDENTIALITY

We will keep your information private. It will only be used to decide which programs you may be eligible for. Any person knowingly violating any of the rules and regulations of this department shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall be sentenced to pay a fine, not exceeding one hundred (\$100) dollars, or to undergo imprisonment, not exceeding six months, or both (62 P.S. section 483).

### RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION

You must give true, correct and complete information. You must help in proving the information, you give. Benefits may be denied if you fail to provide certain proof. If you are contacted by Department of Human Services (DHS) or the Office of State Inspector General, you must fully cooperate with those persons or investigators.

### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The collection of this information, including the Social Security number (SSN) of each household member, is authorized under 42 U.S.C. § 405(c)(2)(C)(i-iv) and 62 P.S. § 432.2(b)(3).

The information will be used to determine whether your household is eligible or continues to be eligible to participate in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. We will verify this information through computer matching programs. This information will also be used to monitor compliance with program regulations and for program management.

This information may be disclosed to other federal and state agencies for official examination, and to law enforcement officials for the purpose of apprehending persons fleeing to avoid the law. Failure to provide an SSN may result in the denial of Emergency Rental Assistance to each individual failing to provide an SSN. Any SSNs provided will be used and disclosed in the same manner as SSNs of eligible household members. If someone wants help getting an SSN:

(1) call: 1-800-772-1213 or 1-800-325-0778 (TTY); or

(2) visit: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

### RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have the right to ask for a DHS hearing to appeal a decision if you believe it is unfair or incorrect, or if the provider fails to act on your application for benefits. You may file the appeal at:

Wiyot Tribe Appeals  
1000 Wiyot Dr, Loleta, CA 95551

If you appeal, you may also request a conference before the hearing by contacting the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) program manager via email at: [rpitts@wiyot.us](mailto:rpitts@wiyot.us).

At the hearing you may represent yourself, or someone else, such as a lawyer, friend or relative may represent you.

### Attestation/Certification

I understand and agree that I am responsible for any fraudulent statements made on this application, even if the application is being submitted by someone acting on my behalf. I certify that all information that has been entered is true under penalty of perjury. I understand that the information entered in this application will be kept confidential and used only to administer benefits. I understand that I may be required to work with other agencies as a condition of my approval for assistance. I agree to provide upon request any additional documentation required (i.e. pay stub, lease, recent bills, proof of unemployment etc) to aid in determining eligibility.

Signature - Tenant

Name Printed - Tenant

Signature - Landlord *(only if form was completed by landlord)*

Name Printed - Landlord *(only if form was completed by landlord)*

### Authorization for Release of Information *(Tenant only)*

I hereby authorize and request the disclosure to the county office any information concerning the age, residence, citizenship, employment, income, and any additional information involving eligibility for the rental and utility assistance programs for myself. It is understood that the information obtained will only be used for determination of rental/utility assistance or other housing assistance programs.

Signature of Tenant

Date

Name Printed - Tenant