



CARES

Housing Assistance Program

In an effort to assist residential renters who have experienced a reduction or loss of income as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bernalillo County Housing through the CARES act has developed the **COVID-19 Rental and Utility Assistance Program**.

This program will provide eligible households with a one-time rental and utility subsidy up to \$5,000 that will be sent directly to the household's landlord/and or utility company.

Applicants will not need to repay this assistance.

Assistance will be provided on a first-ready, first-served basis and a limited number of applications will be accepted based on funding availability.

What requirements need to be met in order to apply?

The dwelling must be located within the boundaries of Bernalillo County including with the limits of the City of Albuquerque.

There must be an active rental agreement or lease in the applicant's name.

The rent must have been current as of March 13, 2020.

The applicant must be able to document a loss of income as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Utilities must be in applicant's name

Utilities must be past due or at risk of being disconnected.

The household income must be at or below the Area Median Income Level (AMI) of \$51,643.

* Additional eligibility or program requirements may apply

What do I need in order to apply for the program?

To apply for the program, you will need to complete an application package, which can be found online at www.bernco.gov/housing. The first page of the package will detail additional supporting documentation you must provide. You do not need to provide items if they are not applicable to your household.

How do I apply for the program?

Complete application packages can be submitted electronically, by secure upload, at www.bernco.gov/housing or can be dropped in our drop box at: 111 Union Square NW, Albuquerque NM 87102 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday starting October 14, 2020.

In order to receive rental assistance payment, the landlord must also complete the landlord's application online.

Applications will be accepted starting Wednesday, October 14, 2020 and will run through Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Questions can be submitted by email to housingcares@bernco.gov

www.bernco.gov/housing

