



Rental Assistance

Michigan has a statewide COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program to help tenants pay back rent and utilities

- **Apply at** <https://ceraapp.michigan.gov> (for all counties and HARAs in Michigan)
- Your local Housing Assessment & Resource Agency (HARA) can help. Find yours at: [MSHDA_HARAs_Contact_List_678040_7.pdf \(michigan.gov\)](#)
- **To be eligible** a tenant must:
 - have income below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI)
 - show a “COVID-19 hardship,”; and
 - have a past due utility or rent notice
- A tenant can **show a COVID-19 hardship** if a member of the household qualified for unemployment benefits, had a 10% reduction in income, had significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship after March 13, 2020.
- A tenant does not need a summons or even a demand for possession to apply. Tenants can apply if they are behind on rent or utilities even if they don't have a court case.