

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Lake County, Indiana

We help tenants whose income has been impacted by COVID-19.

Assistance is available to tenants for rent, utilities, and home energy expenses.

Twelve months of assistance is available to each applicant.
This includes past due rent, forward-facing rent, utilities,
and home energy expenses.

Utilities Include: Gas, Electric,
Water, Sewer, Trash

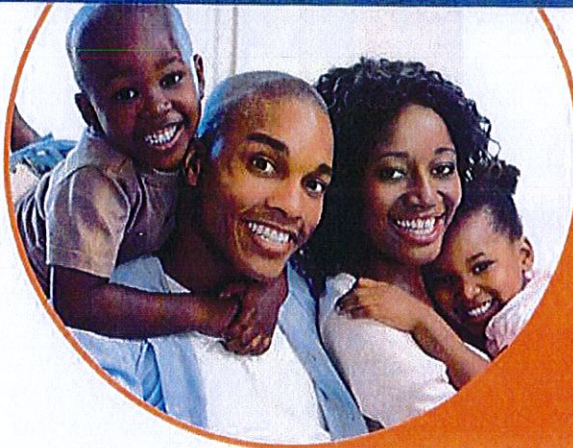
Home Energy Expenses Include:
Fuel oil, Firewood, Coal

Apply by visiting LakeCountyIN.care and complete the online application.
If you need assistance, please call 219.685.1499 and we can direct you to
your township trustee or a local nonprofit to help you apply.

The economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has created a continuing need for rental and
utility assistance throughout the State of Indiana. Funds are provided through the
Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What kind of assistance is available? Assistance is available to tenants for rent, utilities, and home energy expenses. **Utilities Include:** gas, electric, water, sewer, and trash. **Home Energy Expenses Include:** fuel oil, firewood, or coal.

How many months of assistance is available? Twelve months of assistance is available to each applicant. This includes past due rent, forward-facing rent, utilities, and home energy expenses.

If I already received assistance from other programs, can I receive assistance through this program? Yes. Twelve months of additional assistance is available from this program, but not for the same months that you received assistance from any other source.

If I received help from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, can I also receive utility assistance from this program? Yes. You may still receive utility assistance through the Emergency Rental Assistance in Lake County.

How do I apply? You may apply by going to LakeCountyIN.care, beginning in early spring, 2021 and completing the online application. After completing the application, you will receive a request to send in additional documentation. Please return the request quickly to facilitate processing and approval of your application. If you need assistance, please call 219.685.1499 and we can direct you to your township trustee or a local nonprofit to help you.

When will I know if I am approved? You will be notified when and if you are qualified for the program via email, then your benefit amount will be determined.

How much rental assistance should I expect? You can expect the actual cost of your rent through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program in Lake County, including late fees and penalties. We are unable to pay legal fees.

How much utility assistance should I expect? The full amount of past due utility bills, up to twelve months of an arrearage, incurred after April 1, 2020, may be paid for qualified applicants, including late fees, penalties, disconnect, and reconnect fees. We are unable to pay legal fees.

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