Rental and Utility Assistance is Available for Undocumented Pennsylvanians Impacted by COVID-19

The new Emergency Rental Assistance Program ERAP can provide tenants affected by COVID-19 with money to pay past-due rent, utility and home energy costs, and other related housing expenses for 12-15 months.

<u>Apply for assistance or find out more at</u> <u>www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/rap/application.</u>

- Although the application may ask, <u>there are no citizenship requirements</u> to receive ERAP.
- Participation in this program is **NOT** a Public Charge.
- The information you provide through the application is confidential and cannot be shared (including with ICE) without your consent.
- You do not have to answer questions about citizenship or provide a social security number to receive ERAP. The COMPASS online system and some counties do have those questions on their applications. You can leave them blank.
- You can provide proof of loss of income in many ways including pay stubs, bank statements, or a letter from your employer.
- You do not have to provide US-government-issued photo identification. You can meet the identification requirement with **any** local or foreign government-issued identification.

If you are encountering a form or an agency that tells you are you ineligible or is requiring you to disclose citizenship, provide a social security number, or rejecting your offer of local or foreign government-issued identification, contact:

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