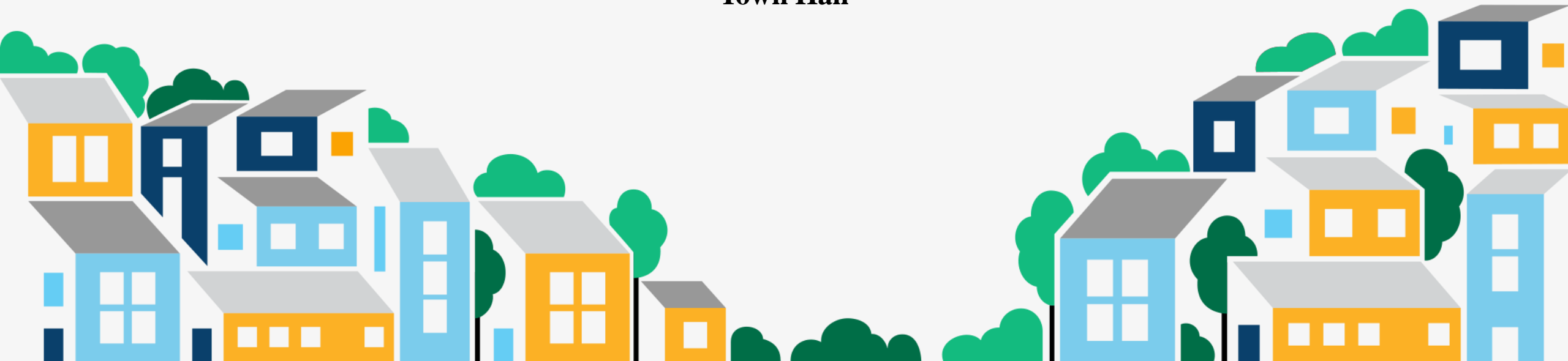




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Town Hall



# A Massive Partnership

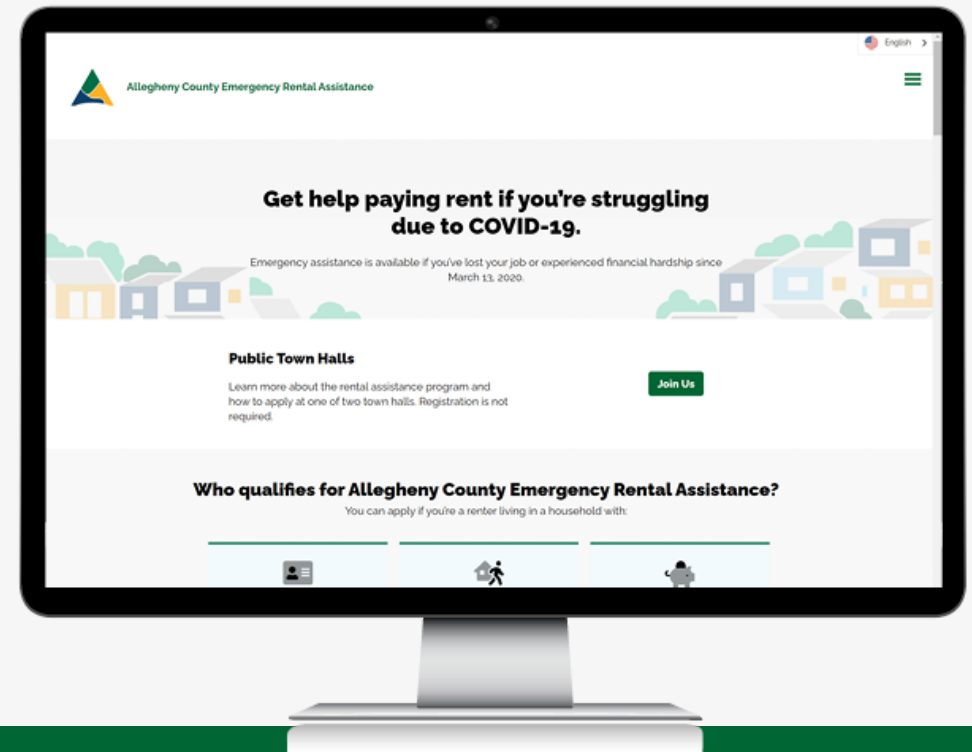
- Allegheny County
- City of Pittsburgh
- ACTION-Housing, Inc.
- The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh
- The YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh
- Dollar Energy Fund

# ERAP Overview

- Part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, signed into law on December 27, 2020
- \$80m designated for Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh
- Up to 12 months of rent and/or utilities due on or after March 13, 2020, with up to three additional months if funds are available
- Program launched March 15, 2021
- End date is at least September 2021 – potential extension to December 2021 – new stimulus bill may extend further

# How to Apply

- Visit [covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us](https://covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us) and apply online
- Visit one of 8 drop-in centers
- Call 412-248-0021 to set up an appointment for a phone application



# Allegheny County Emergency Rental Assistance Program: Drop-In Centers

Please follow CDC protocols at all drop-in centers. Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth, stay 6 feet away from others and stay home if you are sick.

## 1. Focus on Renewal

420 Chartiers Avenue, McKees Rocks PA, 15136  
Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.,  
Tues: 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

## 2. Gwen's Girls

711 W. Commons 3rd Floor, Pittsburgh PA, 15212  
Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Wed: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Fri: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## 3. Kingsley Association

6435 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
Hours: Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., Sat: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## 4. Wilkinsburg Family Support

807 Wallace Avenue, Pittsburgh PA, 15221  
Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Wed: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Sat: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## 5. Greater Valley Community Services

300 Holland Avenue, Braddock PA, 15104  
Hours: Mon, Tues: 12 p.m. – 7 p.m., Wed, Thurs,  
Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## 6. South Hills Interfaith Movement - Bethel Park

5301 Park Avenue, Bethel Park PA, 15102  
Hours: Mon: 12 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tues, Wed: 8:30 a.m. –  
4:30 p.m., Thurs: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

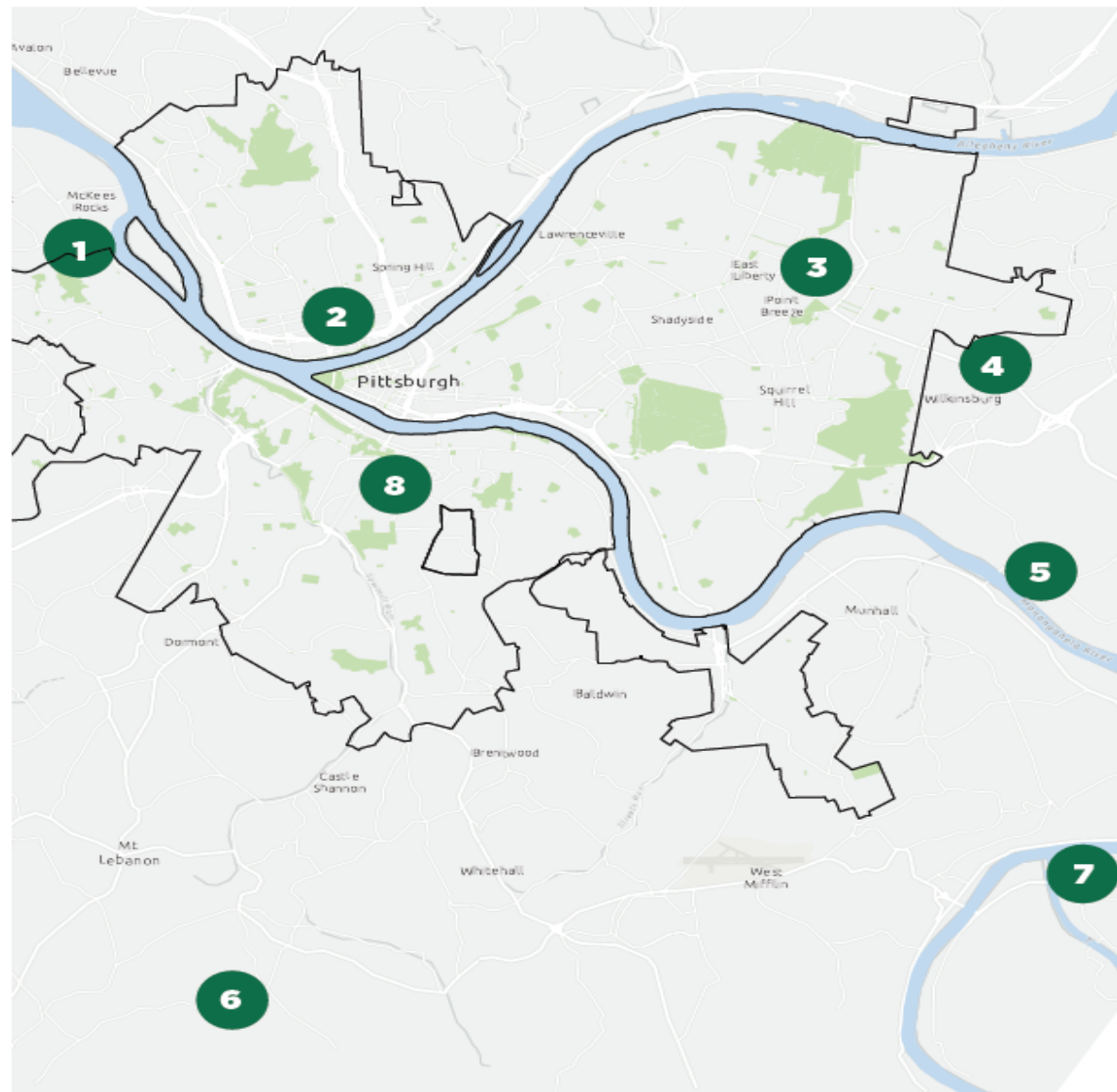
## 7. The Wellness Collective

337 Fifth Avenue, McKeesport PA, 15132  
Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Thurs: 12 p.m. – 8 p.m., Fri: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
(closed Thursdays from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.)

## 8. Brashear Association's Neighborhood Employment Center

**Opens March 22, 2021**

730 E. Warrington Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15210  
Hours: Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sat: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.



**Questions?** Contact ACTION-Housing at 412-248-0021 or  
[rentalassistance@actionhousing.org](mailto:rentalassistance@actionhousing.org).

UPDATED 3/14/2021



# Drop-In Centers

# **ERAP 5 Prongs for Eligibility**

- **1. Live in Allegheny County**
- **2. Household Income below 80% AMI**
- **3. Due to COVID-19**
  - Loss of Income (to include being on unemployment)
  - Increase in Expenses
  - Financial Hardship
- **4. Risk of Homelessness or Housing Instability**
- **5. Valid Lease (written or oral)**

# **1. Live in Allegheny County**

# 2. Household Income below 80% AMI

- **Every adult over 18 years old in the house who is not a full-time student**
- **Last two months**
  - Amount paid, duration of payment, individual's name
    - Pay stubs, pay statements (Uber, Grubhub, etc...)
  - SS, UC, PUA
  - Documentation for other forms of public benefits
- **Taxes**
  - 1099, 1040, w2s

## Allegheny County Emergency Rental Assistance

Household Size	Gross Income
1	\$46,500
2	\$53,150
3	\$59,800
4	\$66,400
5	\$71,750
6	\$77,050
7	\$82,350



# 3. Due to COVID-19

- Loss of Income (to include being on unemployment)
- Increase in Expenses
- Financial Hardship

# 4. Risk of Homelessness or Housing Instability

- Late rent notice
- Late utility bill
- Eviction paperwork
- Self-certification

# 5. Valid Lease (written or oral)

- **Must Contain:**
  - Tenant Name
  - Landlord Name
  - Amount of rent owed (500 per month, 100 per week)
  - Address
  - Signatures
- **If no lease or cannot obtain, will need other proof of residency**

# The Process

- 1. Inventory of applicant documents**
- 2. Outreach to tenant**  
YWCA and 17 partner agencies
- 3. Eligibility determination**
- 4. Outreach to landlord/ pivot to tenant**  
Urban League
- 5. Payment and letter**

# Utility Program

- **Same entry point as Rent Program**
- **Referral after Step 3 to Dollar Energy Fund**
  - Program will launch April 15
- **Can cover:**
  - Electric
  - Gas or fuel oil
  - Trash removal
  - Water/ Sewage
- **Provide back due or current utility bills for payment**
- **Utilities due under the lease to the landlord can be rent**

# Some Stats on the Program So Far

## Allegheny County COVID Rental Assistance 2.0

### Utility Payment Information

This information is based on dispersed payments to utility companies.

Total Utility Assistance Paid

\$5,996,650.80

Average Utility Assistance Paid Per Application

\$847.34

Payment Date

4/26/2021

2/17/2022

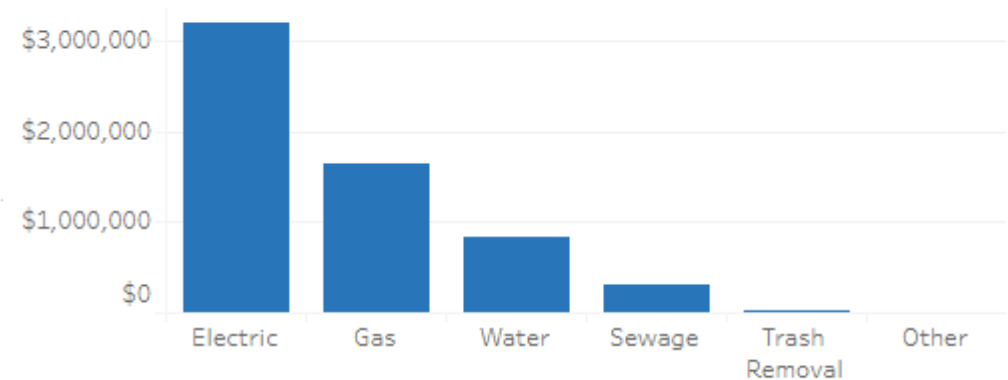


### Payment Information

Applications with Requests for Utilities with Payments



Utility Payments by Utility Type



# Questions?

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