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**EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION
UPDATE**

Friends:

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency opened their application for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (“ERAP”) today. The funds allocated to the THDA are intended to provide rental assistance to tenants in all counties in Tennessee other than Knox, Davidson, Rutherford, or Shelby Counties.

The application for funds from the THDA may be accessed here: <https://thda.org/help-for-renters-section-8/covidrentrelief>. The system is completely online and will require participation by both tenants and landlords to verify whether a tenant qualifies for rental assistance. If your tenants or you, as landlord, intend to begin the application process for your tenants for ERAP assistance, you should direct your tenants to begin gathering information such as a valid government ID; rent or lease agreement; hardship affidavit (included in application); notices of late rent payments/eviction notices (if applicable); and income documentation. Additionally, THDA is requiring landlords to submit a corporate resolution listing the individual authorized to execute documents on behalf of the company (if incorporated) and a completed IRS W-9 Form.

As a reminder, the funds allocated to THDA are separate and apart to the amount of funds that have been allocated to Knox County, and applications to the THDA program for all counties other than the four named above will not impact a tenant or landlord’s ability to obtain assistance in Knox County. The Knox County ERAP application is slated to open on March 15, 2021. When we receive notice the link is available, we will provide an update. General information regarding the Knox County program is available here: <https://knoxhousingassistance.org/>. The documents required for application in Knox County may differ from those listed above.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about applications to THDA, please contact us.

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