# Application Checklist for Renters

**Cook County Emergency Rental Assistance**

Planning to apply for the Cook County Emergency Rental Assistance Program? Start gathering your supporting documents now so you're ready to go. Applications open **October 4, 2021** and will be accepted until **October 29, 2021**.

## HOW DO I GET READY?

### Step 1: Check Your Eligibility

☐ Are you a renter living in suburban Cook County?

☐ Do you have proof of financial hardship during COVID-19?

☐ Are you having trouble paying rent or utilities?

☐ Do you have a household annual income at or below these requirements?

| Household size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| Income | $52,200 | $59,650 | $67,100 | $74,550 | $80,550 | $86,500 | $92,450 | $98,450 |

If you answered yes to all four questions, you are eligible to apply.

### Step 2: Gather Required Documents

| Check Box | Verification Required | Acceptable Documents |
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| ☐ | Photo identification | **Government Issued ID**<br>• State ID *OR* • Driver's license *OR* • Passport *OR* • Other ID |
| ☐ | A list of everyone who lives in your household and verification of current monthly household income | • W-2 or tax filings *OR*<br>• Unemployment benefits *OR*<br>• Paystubs or bank statements |
| ☐ | Proof of COVID-related financial emergency | • Unemployment claim dated after March 13, 2020 *OR*<br>• Notice from your employer on company letterhead that states you have been laid off or furloughed, or had a reduction in work hours *OR*<br>• Copies of medical bills, childcare expenses, or other significant costs the household incurred since March 13, 2020<br>• **If you are self-employed:** Paystubs or bank statements showing decreased income after March 1, 2020 |
| ☐ | Latest utility bill (if applying for utility assistance) | • Gas and/or electric bill |
| ☐ | Your landlord's name and email address | |

***What if I have other housing-related assistance needs?***

*You may also be eligible to receive help with other expenses including relocation expenses, security deposits, late fees, and temporary housing solutions.*

*When applying, submit proof of other housing-related need as well.*

To learn more and apply, visit cookcountyil.gov/recovery
Need help applying? Call the helpline at 833-221-9821