

Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance

Do you need help paying rent and utilities?

The Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA) program, funded through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and administered by Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC), provides rent, utility, and internet assistance to households financially impacted by the COVID pandemic.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You must meet all the following criteria:

- You rent your home
- Your 2020 income did not exceed 80% of the area's median income
- At least one member of the household is experiencing documented financial hardship as a result of the COVID pandemic
- At least one member of the household is unsure where they will stay or may become homeless without housing assistance
- Applicant can provide valid proof of I.D.

WHAT DOES IT COVER?

- Up to 12 months of current & past due rent
- Up to 3 months of prospective rent at a time, even if the household does not have past due rent charges
- Past due residential utility, home energy (electric, gas, water, sewer, and trash services), and internet costs

*All expenses must have been billed or charged 4/1/2020 or later

Applications accepted until May 1, 2022

HOW TO APPLY:

1. You and your landlord must apply online
2. You and your landlord are alerted once the application is processed
3. If approved, landlord and/or service provider(s) receives funds from KHRC
4. Landlord and/or service provider(s) applies funds to your account

AFTER YOU APPLY:

1. A pre-qualified application notice from KHRC will confirm your application has been received and is under review
2. Notify BPU Customer Service at **913-573-9190** as soon as you receive the KHRC application notice (BPU will provide service without disconnection for 30 days or more)
3. Email your KHRC application notice to **docs@bpu.com**
4. If rejected, you must contact BPU for other assistance resources that you may qualify for at **913-573-9190**