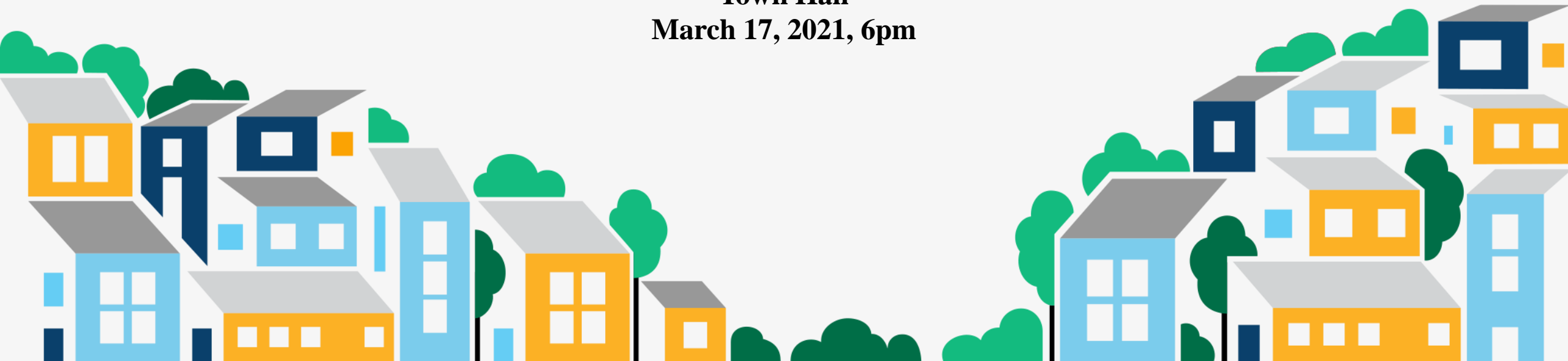




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Town Hall
March 17, 2021, 6pm



A Massive Partnership

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

Additional Partners

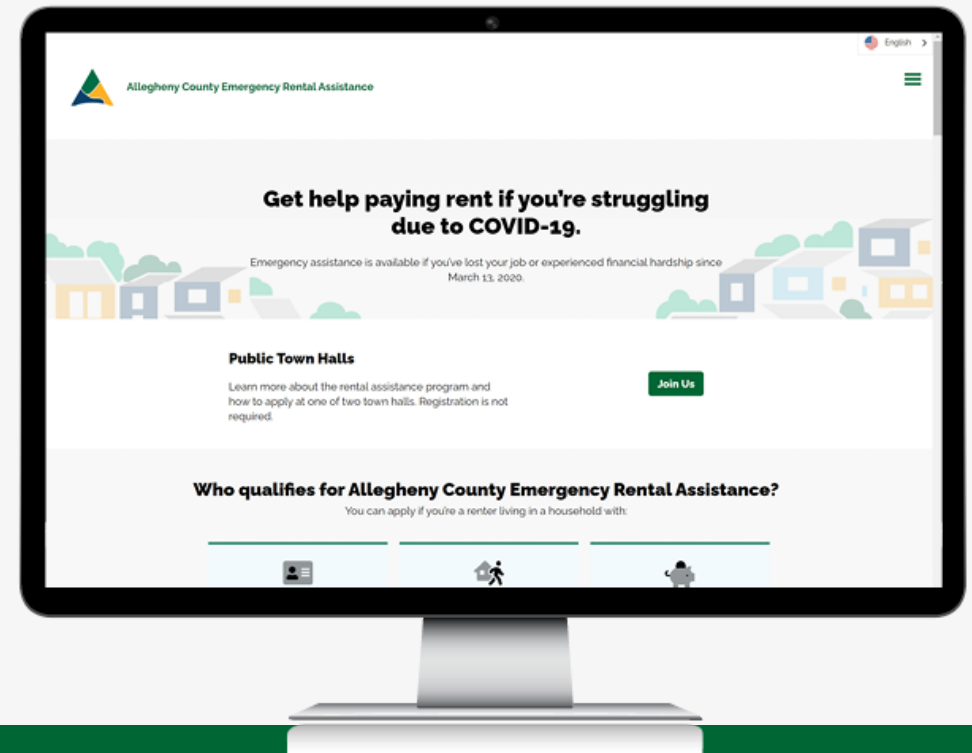
- AJAPO
- Catapult
- Civically
- Focus on Renewal
- Greater Valley Community Services
- Gwen's Girls
- Hazelwood Initiative
- Hill District Consensus Group
- Hilltop Alliance
- Homewood Children's Village
- Kingsley Association
- Lawrenceville United
- Mon Valley Initiative
- Operation Better Block
- Pittsburgh Hispanic Development Corp.
- Pittsburgh United
- Project Destiny
- RentHelpPGH
- South Hills Interfaith Movement
- SisTers PGH
- The Wellness Collective
- Wilksburg Family Health Center

ERAP Overview

- Part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, signed into law on December 28, 2020
- \$80m designated for Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh
- Up to 12 months of rent 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 and apply online
- Visit one of 7 (soon to be 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.

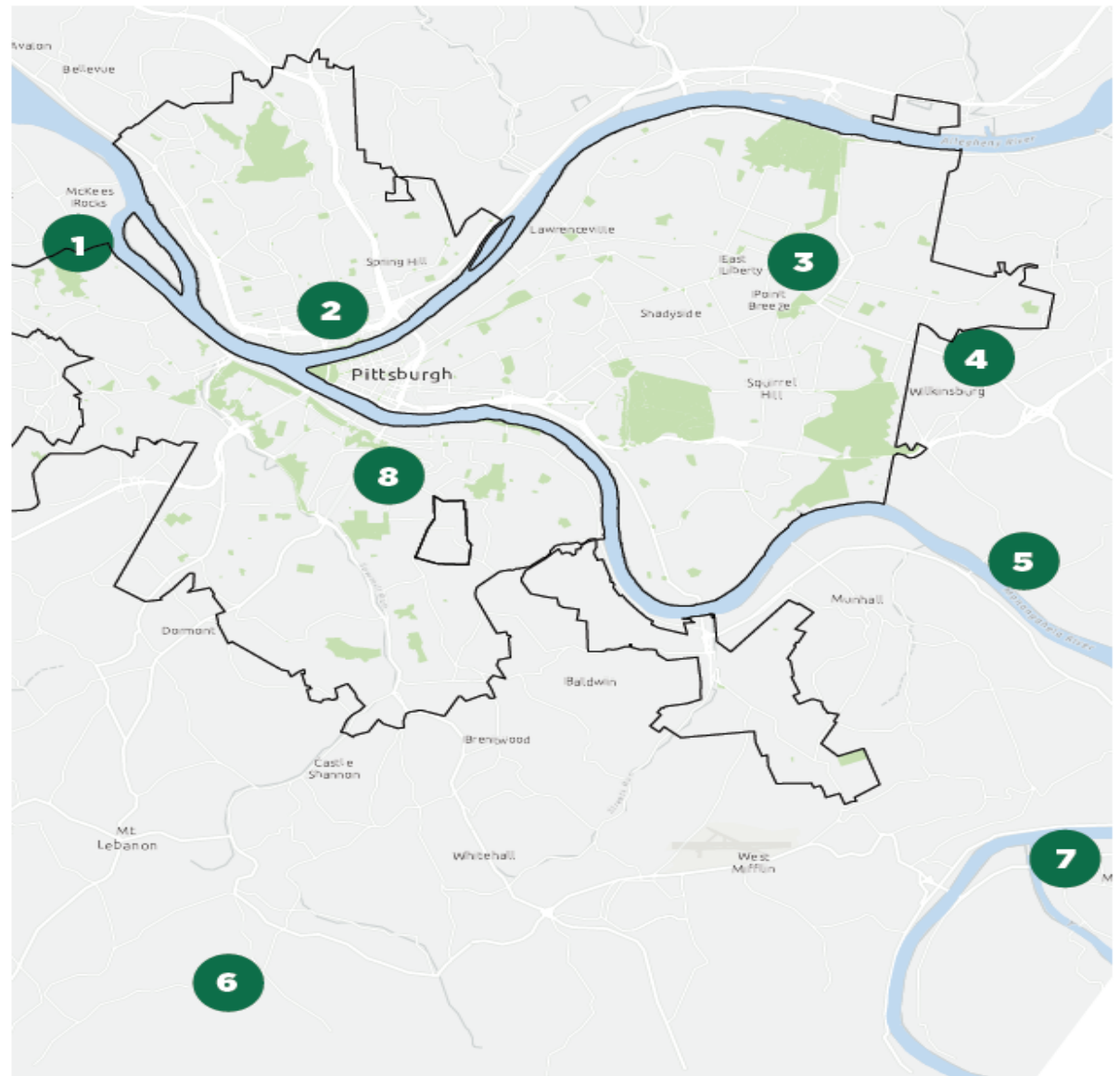
7. The Wellness Collective

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.

UPDATED 3/14/2021



Drop-In Centers

Landlord initiation

- **Landlords are allowed to initiate the application**
- **Application requires multi-step authentication**
 - This means a landlord will need to work with their tenant as the tenant's email and/or phone number will be used to set up the account
 - One tenant per account
- **The application is for the tenant - the tenant must agree to the program**
- **Landlords are encouraged to work with their tenants**
 - Some are setting up computer labs or hosting events for their tenants

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

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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**

Payment

- Landlords will be contacted for w9, ACH, and payment amounts
- If landlord refuses, will pay Tenant
- Payment will be initiated within 3 business days of all information being obtained
- ACH will take 2-10 days to post
- Checks can take up to 15 days to receive

Utility Program

- **Same entry point as Rent Program**
- **Referral after Step 3 to Dollar Energy**
 - Program will launch in mid-April
- **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**

Other County Programs

- <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/coronavirus/Pages/Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Program.aspx>
- **Washington:**
 - Blueprints
 - 724-225-9550
 - rent@myblueprints.org
- **Westmoreland:**
 - Union Mission
 - www.theunionmission.org/erap

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