

## **Emergency Rental Assistance Program**

The State of New Mexico will grant **\$170M** of federal aid to New Mexicans for rental and utility assistance to households experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The rental assistance and utility assistance program will begin taking applications starting April 5, 2021 thru August 2021.

Renters across the state are eligible for the program -- except for residents of Bernalillo County, Dona Ana County, and those who live in a pueblo or tribal area. Those two counties, as well as tribal governments, will administer their own Rental Assistance Programs. Those seeking assistance should review the current FAQ at [www.RentHelpNM.org](http://www.RentHelpNM.org) to learn more about eligibility and documentation needed for their application. The help desk phone number is 1-833-485-1334.

The State of New Mexico will either pay the landlord and/or the utility provider directly depending on the financial assistance request by the applicant. Landlords and utility providers are encouraged to [download a W9](#) and submit it to DFA via [ERAVendor.Relations@state.nm.us](mailto:ERAVendor.Relations@state.nm.us) as soon as possible to ensure a streamlined process for receiving payment.