

COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program **Help is available for renters in the County!** Are you or someone you know a Middlesex County, NJ resident that needs help paying for utilities or rent? The Middlesex County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (MCERAP) can help. Apply now at: <http://middlesexcountynj.gov/rentalassistance>

Are you in need of rental assistance as a direct result of COVID-19? Support is available right now for low-to-moderate-income households! Middlesex County has established an Emergency Rental Assistance Program for eligible households facing a loss of income due to the pandemic.

If qualified, funds from the program may be used to pay outstanding balances for rent or utilities (gas, electric, and/or water only), with funds usually being paid directly to landlords and service providers. If a landlord does not wish to participate, funds may be paid directly to the eligible household. Generally, temporary assistance will not exceed more than 12 months.

Priority will be given to tenants facing eviction and/or households with an individual who has been unemployed for the 90 days prior to application, and households with income at or below 50% of the area median are to be prioritized for assistance