



New Mexico Emergency Rental Assistance Program

College Student Participation

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The Emergency Rental Assistance program provides funds to assist households that are unable to pay rent or utilities. Funding and Guidance for the program comes from the U.S. Treasury.

Over \$102M awarded to date. Additional \$220M+ available through September 2025.

Who is eligible?

- Renters
- Under 80% average median income for each respective county
- Impacted directly or indirectly by COVID-19
- At risk of homelessness or housing instability

What does it cover?

Past due and up 3-months forward. 15 mo total.

- Rent
- Utilities (includes electric, gas, internet water, sewer, trash, fuel oil, wood, and pellets)
- Other expenses related to housing expenses, such as hotel/motel costs
- No cap on amount provided
- Does not have to be repaid



Common Questions for ERAP and College Students

Are college students eligible for rental assistance?

Yes, only if the student is not claimed as a dependent by their parents or legal guardians.

Can students living in college dorms apply for rental assistance?

No, students living in college dorms (such as Coronado, Hokona) cannot apply for rental assistance.

Can students living in private partner properties on campus apply for rental assistance?

Yes, students living in private partner properties on and off campus (such as Casas del Rio and Lobo Village) can apply for rental assistance.

Can college students living off campus apply?

Yes, if they rent from a landlord and are not claimed by their parents as dependents, they can apply for rental assistance.

Do college students living off campus with roommates take into account their roommates on the application?

ERAP allows one application per household/residence. Applicants must include all individuals living in their household in their ERAP application.

Can college students be counted in a household if they are away at school?

Yes, a college student may be included as part of their parent or legal guardian's household if they are away at school.



For More Information:

- ERAP FAQs, eligibility, and the application: [RentHelpNM.org](https://renthelpnm.org)



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