## Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

- 4. What are other qualifications for this?
  - a. Participants need to be directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19:
    - i. Laid off from work
    - ii. Hours cut at job
    - iii. Unable to work due to compromised immune system (you or someone in family)
    - iv. Caring for a person with COVID-19
    - v. Getting COVID-19
    - vi. About to start new job, but could not or was terminated from new job before establishing sufficient work history to be eligible for regular benefits
    - vii. Self-employed and business income has reduced
    - viii. Had to leave job or reduce hours to care for dependents whose ordinary situations have been disrupted (childcare)
    - ix. Reasonable concern over risk of infection at work
    - x. Unexpected COVID-related medical or funeral expense
    - xi. Currently living in a car, outside, or another place not meant for human habitation

Other conditions - may ask for more information

# Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)

You may qualify for Emergency Rental Assistance that can be directly applied to rent, utilities, hotel/motel stays, internet assistance and more.

More details, including how to apply, and contact information inside.

\*\*\*Applicants must reside in Jefferson County\*\*\*



## How to Apply

#### Online:

https://www.jeffco.us/4021/Emergency-Assistance-COVID-19. After clicking the "Apply for the ERA Program for rent and utility assistance, "under "How to Apply" there will be a new window with a tenant application and another for a landlord application.

#### Or call:

If you do not have access to the application online, please call 303-271-1388.

Households can self-certify many of the documents:

- ID
- Lease
- Income
- Standard documents are being drafted at this time, but there is currently not a formal process

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## Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

- 1. Where does the funding come from?
  - a. Funding is provided directly to Jefferson County from the Federal Treasury Department.
- 2. What can the ERA funds assist with?
  - a. ERA1 funds can provide:
    - i. Assistance for households under 80% AMI with preference given to households under 50% AMI
    - ii. 15 months of assistance
    - iii. Rental assistance
    - iv. Move-in assistance for people experiencing homelessness/eviction
    - v. Hotel/Motel stays for people without homes to stay in
    - vi. Utility assistance
    - vii. Internet assistance (specific to internet only)
    - viii. Rental arrears for units that have been vacated (landlord would have to confirm that they would not file an eviction).
    - ix. Assistance with sub-letters
  - b. ERA2 funds will be disbursed in the next couple of months and will have some updated guidance.
  - Housing Choice Voucher holders and people residing in subsidized housing units can receive assistance for their potion of the rent.
- 3. Does the applicant/household need to be documented?
  - a. No

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