



Impacted by the pandemic? Behind on your rent? SDC can help!

The Social Development Commission's Milwaukee Emergency Rental Assistance program, also known as MERA, is a program that provides assistance to City of Milwaukee residents who are experiencing financial hardship due to the impact of COVID-19.

We understand that many people are going through challenging times and we are here to help you get back on the right path. We believe rental assistance is essential as we help local families impacted by the pandemic.

Apply online at: [cr-sdc.org](https://www.cr-sdc.org)



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What is MERA?

The Milwaukee Emergency Rental Assistance program, also known as MERA, is a program administered by SDC providing rental assistance to eligible residents in the City of Milwaukee. Through MERA eligible households experiencing financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic can qualify for the following help:

- Up to 12 months of rental assistance. Only past due rent starting March 13, 2020, is eligible.
- Once back rent is reduced, assistance is only provided for up to 3 months at a time. Recertification of the household's income eligibility is necessary after three months.
- An additional three months (15-month program maximum) if:
 - * Extra months are needed to ensure housing stability and
 - * Funding is available.

Approved rental assistance checks are mailed directly to the landlord.

MERA is provided on a first-come, first-served basis, and is only available while funding is available.

Who Can Apply?

Individuals and families who live in the City of Milwaukee, who have experienced a loss or reduction of income as a result of the **COVID-19 pandemic**, and meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Reside in the City of Milwaukee
- Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a significant reduction in income, incurred significant costs, or experienced financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic
- At risk of becoming homeless or experiencing unstable housing
- Has a household income at or below 80% of Milwaukee County Median Income (CMI)

What is NOT Covered?

- Residence outside the City of Milwaukee
- Mortgage payments

Empowering Milwaukee County residents with the resources to move beyond poverty.

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