

**HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**

REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: MARCH 12, 2025

**REGARDING: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL EMERGENCY
RENTAL ASSISTANCE / EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM (ERA)
GUIDELINES.**

Requested Board Action

Background

To assist income qualified residents facing eviction, the 2025 City of Saint Paul budget included \$1 million in Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) funding for an Emergency Rent Assistance/Eviction Prevention Program.

Emergency Rent Assistance /Eviction Prevention Program (ERA)

The ERA program will provide up to \$2,500 or one-month's rent, whichever is less to households with income not to exceed 80% Area Median Income. Other eligibility requirements include being a resident of Saint Paul with an active lease and the demonstration that the need has been created by an unforeseen event that has resulted in a pending eviction. Funds will be paid directly to the landlord. The attached ERA Guidelines for Tenant Application provides a full list of requirements for eligibility as well as the required application materials and process.

Future Action

N/A

Public Purpose/Comprehensive Plan Conformance:

The program meets objectives of the Housing Plan, adopted as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan, Goal 5: Stable rental housing, by supporting efforts to discourage renter displacement.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend approval of the attached Emergency Rental Assistance Program/Eviction Prevention Program (ERA) Guidelines

Sponsored by: Chair Cheniqua Johnson

Staff: Rachel Finazzo Doll (651-266-6627)

Attachments

- Emergency Rental Assistance/ Eviction Prevention Program (ERA) Guidelines