

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

**REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE: JULY 23, 2025**

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

## **Requested Board Action**

Approval of an amendment to the Emergency Rental Assistance/Eviction Prevention Program (ERA) Guidelines regarding the maximum assistance amount.

## **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 the ERA program

On March 12, 2025, by Resolution 25-430, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul “the HRA”) approved guidelines of the ERA program. The guidelines include a key provision that tenants applying for assistance could only receive either \$2,500 or one month’s rent, whichever is less.

Additional analysis of other programs offering emergency assistance determined that most individuals seeking emergency assistance and are at the point of eviction are often seeking 2-3 months of assistance. In order to streamline services and meet the needs for tenants facing eviction, staff recommend removing the cap based on number of months. The amended guidelines state that a household may receive up to a maximum of \$2,500 for the purpose of preventing eviction.

Staff also updated the income limits in the program guidelines, which were updated by HUD June 1, 2025.

## **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 amended Emergency Rental Assistance Program/Eviction Prevention Program (ERA) Guidelines to eliminate the on-month cap on assistance.

**Sponsored by:** Chair Cheniqua Johnson

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

**Attachments**

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