



## Texas Rent Relief Program Applications Open February 15th

The [Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs](#) (TDHCA) announced the launch of the Texas Rent Relief Program, funded through approximately \$1.3 billion received through the latest federal COVID-19 relief bill. TDHCA is using the funds to help Texans pay rent and utility bills, including those that are past due. Applications will be accepted from landlords and tenants starting at **8 a.m. Central Time on February 15th**.

### What Does it Cover?

The Texas Rent Relief Program can help with the below costs as far back as **March 13th, 2020**:

- Past due, current, and up to 3 months of expected rent costs;
- Past due, current, or up to 3 months of expected utility and home energy expenses;
- After receiving assistance for 3 months of expected costs, households can apply for additional assistance if funds are still available.

To qualify, households must be **at or below 80% of the [area median income](#)** as well as other criteria. TDHCA will prioritize applications for households **at or below 50% of area median income** and households where one or more members are unemployed and have been for at least 90 days. Landlords are also encouraged to apply on behalf of tenants.

### How to Apply

Starting February 15th, you can submit your application by calling 1-833-9TX-RENT (1-833-989-7368) or online at [TexasRentRelief.com](https://www.texasrentrelief.com). The call center will be open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

[Learn More and Apply for Rent Relief](#)

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