

Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA)

Prior to the spring of 2020, all of the Orange County jurisdictions had different rent and utility assistance programs. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough, and Orange County worked together to create a streamlined process for urgent assistance that would be easier for residents to access. All jurisdictions financially supported the EHA program, administered through the County, to help residents with low incomes secure and maintain stable housing. Assistance is available to households in Orange County that:

1. Earn no more than 60% of the area median income (AMI),
2. Have an urgent need for housing assistance that is **related to the COVID-19 pandemic**, and
3. Do not have adequate savings or resources to cover the cost of their housing need.

The most current **income limits** for Orange County are below:

- 1-person household: \$38,220
- 2-person household: \$43,680
- 3-person household: \$49,140
- 4-person household: \$54,540
- 5-person household: \$58,920
- 6-person household: \$63,084
- 7-person household: \$67,680
- 8-person household: \$72,000

Eligible Costs

Emergency Housing Assistance may pay for security deposits, utility connections and arrears, rental payments and arrears, and, in certain emergency situations and upon OCHCD approval, other urgent housing- related costs (e. g., moving costs), especially for hard- to-house individuals and families, such as large families with children, seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, and people with justice system involvement. Emergency Housing Assistance may not duplicate any assistance provided by any other program.

Maximum Assistance

The total amount of assistance provided to any household may not exceed \$6,500.

For more information, please contact the **Housing Helpline:**

HousingHelp@orangecountync.gov or 919-245-2655