



Individuals or families financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and facing eviction from their rental properties can now apply for assistance with rent payment, past due rent and/or past due utilities. Yuma County in partnership with the Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) has launch a new Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to provide financial assistance and housing stability to residents throughout Yuma County.

Renters will be able to apply for up to a total of \$3,500 in rental and utility assistance per month for up to fifteen (15) months of assistance. Eligibility is based on the renter's ability to meet the following criteria:

- The renter has a risk of homelessness, housing instability, or unsafe living conditions.
- The renter or member of the renter's household is eligible for unemployment insurance benefit or has experienced a financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
- The renter's household income is less than or equal to 80% of the Area Median Income.
- Landlord agrees to provide necessary information for payment and guarantee no eviction of the renter after payment.

County residents will be able to submit applications through WACOG's Emergency Rental Assistance website, <https://www.wacog.com/ycerap/> or call the WACOG office at 928-217-7144. Paper copies of the application are available at the following locations:

- WACOG office - 1235 S. Redondo Center Drive, Yuma
- Yuma County Administration building - 198 S. Main Street, Yuma
- All Yuma County Library locations
- Neighborhood Services, Yuma City Hall, 2nd Floor
- Somerton City Hall-143 N. State Avenue, Somerton
- San Luis City Hall- 1090 E. Union Street, San Luis
- Wellton Town Hall- 28364 Oakland Avenue, Wellton