

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

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In re: )  
Illinois Courts Response to )  
COVID-19 Emergency/ ) M.R. 30370  
Court-Based Rental Assistance Program )

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Order

On March 9, 2020, Governor Pritzker declared a State of Emergency in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency. In response, Governor Pritzker has prohibited the commencement of certain residential evictions and the enforcement of certain residential eviction orders by Executive Order.

Further, Congress passed, and the President of the United States signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (P.L. 116-136) and American Rescue Plan Act (P.L. 117-2), deploying over \$1 billion to Illinois renters and landlords in rental assistance, housing counseling, legal aid, and mediation services in an effort to prevent evictions.

As the Governor's eviction moratorium begins to sunset, courts are expecting a surge in eviction filings that will require significant resources to properly process and litigate. Accordingly, in the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to Article VI, Section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, sec. 16); and in view of the substantial resources available to Illinois renters and landlords to prevent evictions, including the launch of a statewide Court-Based Rental Assistance Program, and the need to ensure appropriate referral of new eviction filings to State and local resources that may be of assistance to both landlords and tenants, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. All summons issued in residential eviction cases shall include the attached, or substantially similar, notice regarding the Court-Based Rental Assistance Program. The notice shall be attached to a copy of the summons filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Local Circuit Courts may modify this notice with more relevant local information, if applicable.
2. This order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of said Supreme Court, in Springfield, in said State, this 13th day of September, 2021.

*Carolyn Taft Gusbell* Clerk,  
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois

# HELP WITH RENT IS NOW AVAILABLE



- Are you in eviction court because you fell behind on rent?
- Did you lose income or suffer financial hardship because of Covid-19?
- Are you at risk of becoming homeless?

If you answered "Yes" you may be eligible for rental assistance

## Tenant Documentation Requirements:

- Government-issued photo ID
- Proof of address
- Proof of household income
- Proof of public assistance (if applicable)
- Amount of past due rent
- Eviction court papers (Complaint/Summons)
- Valid email address

## Housing Providers/Landlords Documentation Requirements:

- Proof of ownership
- Proof of unpaid rent
- Written lease (if applicable)
- Eviction court papers (Complaint/Summons)
- Valid email address

*NOTE: Proof of citizenship is not required. Rental assistance is not considered a "public charge" benefit.*

Tenants and Housing Providers/Landlords should work together to apply online at [ilrpp.ihda.org](http://ilrpp.ihda.org)



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## Need Legal Help?

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