

APPLYING FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE



In order to apply to the **Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)**, renters will need to provide the following required documents:

I.D. FOR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

- This document will need to include the head of household's full name and date of birth.
- Examples include a state issued driver's license, birth certificate, or passport.
- Expired IDs will be accepted

PROOF OF CURRENT HOUSING

- This includes a lease, tenancy agreement or a tenancy at-will form

VERIFICATION OF HOUSING CRISIS

- Notice of arrears or balance overdue
- Court summons
- Notice to quit
- Notice of eviction
- Letter from host if doubled up

VERIFICATION OF INCOME

- 1. Presumed eligibility:** Households receiving benefits from the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) or most MassHealth plans are presumed eligible.
- 2. Benefit Letters:** Households can provide an income eligibility form from one of the following benefit programs:
 - Public housing (state or federal)
 - Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8)
 - State housing vouchers: MRVP, AHVP, DMH, or DDS housing vouchers
 - LIHEAP
 - Massachusetts subsidized childcare
 - Veterans Chapter 115 benefits
- 3. Self-Submitted Documents:**
 - Annual income may be verified by 2020 Form 1040 (s); OR
 - Monthly income may be verified by two paystubs from the past 60 days, plus most recent benefit letters (social security, child support, unemployment, etc.)