



COVID-19 Pandemic Response Emergency Rental Assistance

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COVID-19 Basic Needs Coordination and Response Agenda Overview

- Review of Emergency Rental Assistance Spending
- ***New*** Fairfax County ERA Bridge Program
- Next Steps Moving Forward

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- Coordinated Services Planning (CSP) is the entry point for residents to access emergency basic needs, including rental and utility assistance. Expansion to include Eviction Prevention and Intervention team.
- CSP built upon its pre-pandemic rental assistance program to disburse the federal COVID-19 relief funding. CSP staff determine program eligibility but has contracted with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to process all financial payments on behalf of the County.
- As of May 2022, CSP has disbursed \$61.3 million in ERA direct assistance funding, \$20.9 million in CARES Coronavirus Relief Funds and \$7.0 million in CDBG-COVID funds for a total of ***\$89.2 million*** in emergency rental assistance to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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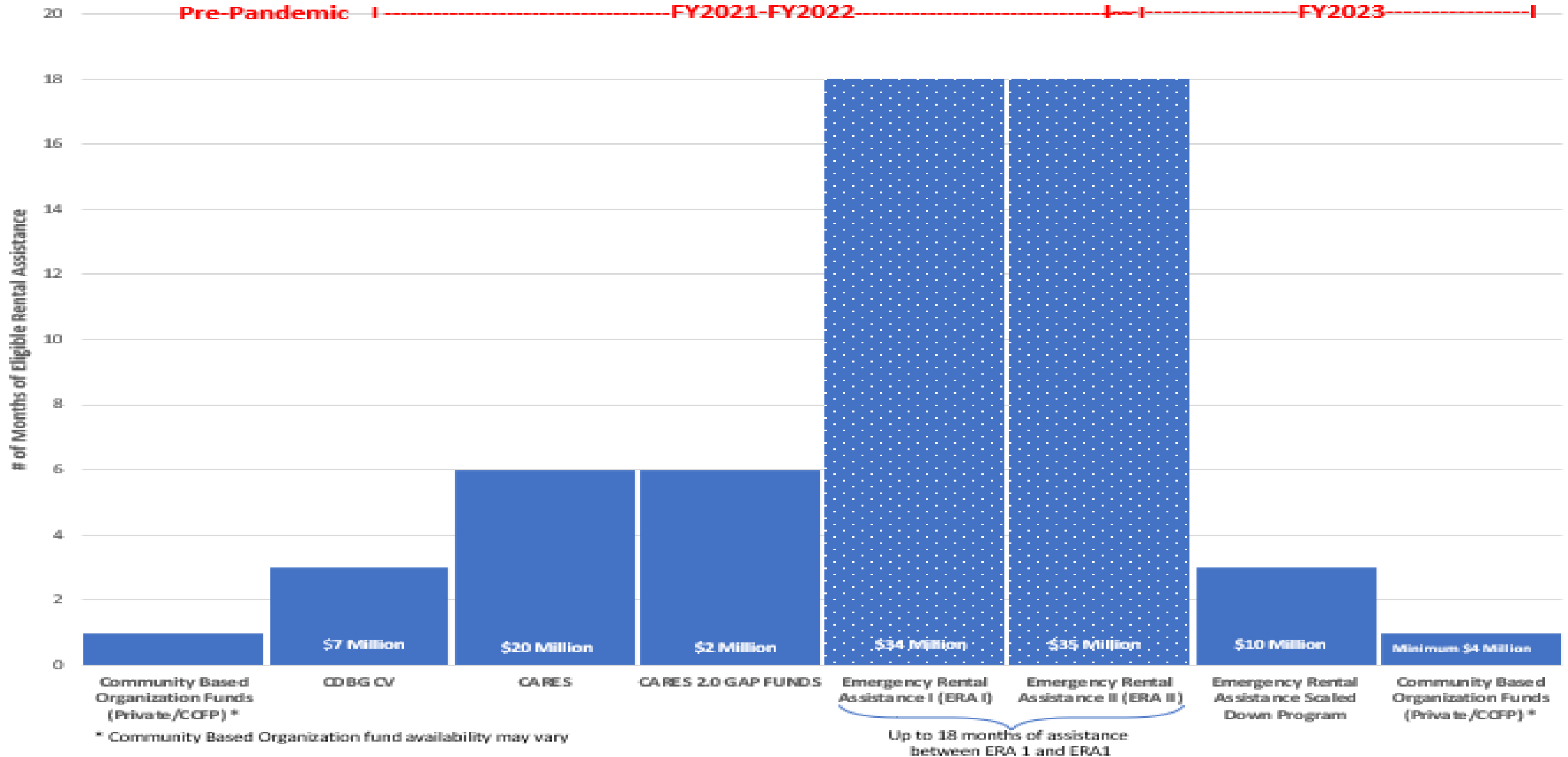
- HHS staff partnered with the General District Court to facilitate support to residents facing eviction
- HHS staff initiated numerous outreach strategies to educate renters and landlords about available assistance and how to access it to include contracting and partnering with trusted community providers.
- Landlord Application Portal was created to maximize the reach of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and plans are underway to develop a resident portal to utilize moving forward.
- Eviction Prevention Teams established to share information, identify opportunities and develop practices and strategies among HHS Staff, General District Court, Nonprofits

Eviction Prevention and Basic Needs Resources – Spending

(As of 7/26/22)

Funding Source	Amounts Available for Basic Needs Assistance	Amount Disbursed for Residents to Date	Purpose
CARES 1.0	\$20,000,000	\$19,306,139	Rent, Utility, Mortgage, Food and Other Basic Needs
CARES 2.0 Gap	\$2,000,000	\$1,624,550	Mortgage, 81-100% AMI, Rent and Utilities (Resident's ineligible for ERA)
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$7,900,000	\$7,023,214	Rent, Utilities
Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA I)	\$34,463,869	\$33,347,712	Rent, Utilities
Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA II)	\$35,100,967	\$28,007,522	Rent, Utilities and Other
Other County and Community Resources <i>(5/1/20-7/26/22)</i>	Varied Sources- Other County and Community Based Organizations funding outside of CARES or ERA – (CCFP, Private CBO funding, etc.)	\$6,083,679	Rent, Utilities, Other Basic Needs
TOTAL		\$95,392,816	

Maximum Rental Assistance Allocation for Eligible Residents by Funding Source



COVID-19 Basic Needs Response Fairfax County ERA Bridge Program

- ERA Bridge Program launches July 1, 2022 (once ERA funded has been exhausted)

- Program Access
 - Pending cases (landlords and tenants) will be processed with the remaining ERA funding
 - Landlord and residents continue to apply through calling CSP and utilizing the Landlord Portal
- Funding
 - Approximately \$10 million dollars of federal funding.
 - Additional Coordinated Funding to Compliment ERA Bridge Program
 - Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) Emergency Housing Funding (at least \$4Million)
 - Other Community Funding, as available
- Program Eligibility
 - Fairfax County residents who have lost household income due, directly or indirectly, to Covid-19
 - Household income at or below 80% AMI
 - 150% FMR
 - Up to **3 months of assistance to maintain or secure sustainable housing**
 - Arrears or current months only
- Prioritization
 - Court involved cases will be prioritized to maintain housing
 - Households at or below 50% AMI

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Moving Forward:

- If residents have ‘maxed out’ with ERA resources, they may be eligible for the ERA Bridge Program
- NCS will continue to work with the Courts to support residents in the Eviction process
- Outreach and information sharing will take place to ensure residents and landlords are aware of the ERA program ending on **June 30th** and the ERA Bridge Program. Updates will be posted online at the Eviction Prevention website.
- Beginning in FY 2024, assistance provided for emergency housing will return to pre-COVID-19 funding and operations which supports one to two months of rental assistance through the traditional CSP/CBO model.
- In addition to the Eviction Prevention website, program progress and status updates, including spending details, can be found on the county’s COVID page – document library: [HHS COVID-19 Response Update](#).

Questions ?