



COVID-19 Pandemic Basic Needs Coordination and Response FY2023 Emergency Rental Assistance Update

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COVID-19 Basic Needs Coordination and Response Agenda Overview

- Update on Emergency Basic Needs Assistance
 - Emergency Rental Assistance Program closure
- **New** Fairfax County ERA Bridge Program
- Next Steps Moving Forward

COVID-19 Basic Needs Response Strategies to Support Eviction Prevention Update

- Coordinated Services Planning (CSP) is the entry point for residents to access emergency basic needs, including rental and utility assistance.
- 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 \$54.9 million in ERA direct assistance funding, \$21.4 million in CARES Coronavirus Relief Funds and \$7.0 million in CDBG-COVID funds for a total of ***\$83.3 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

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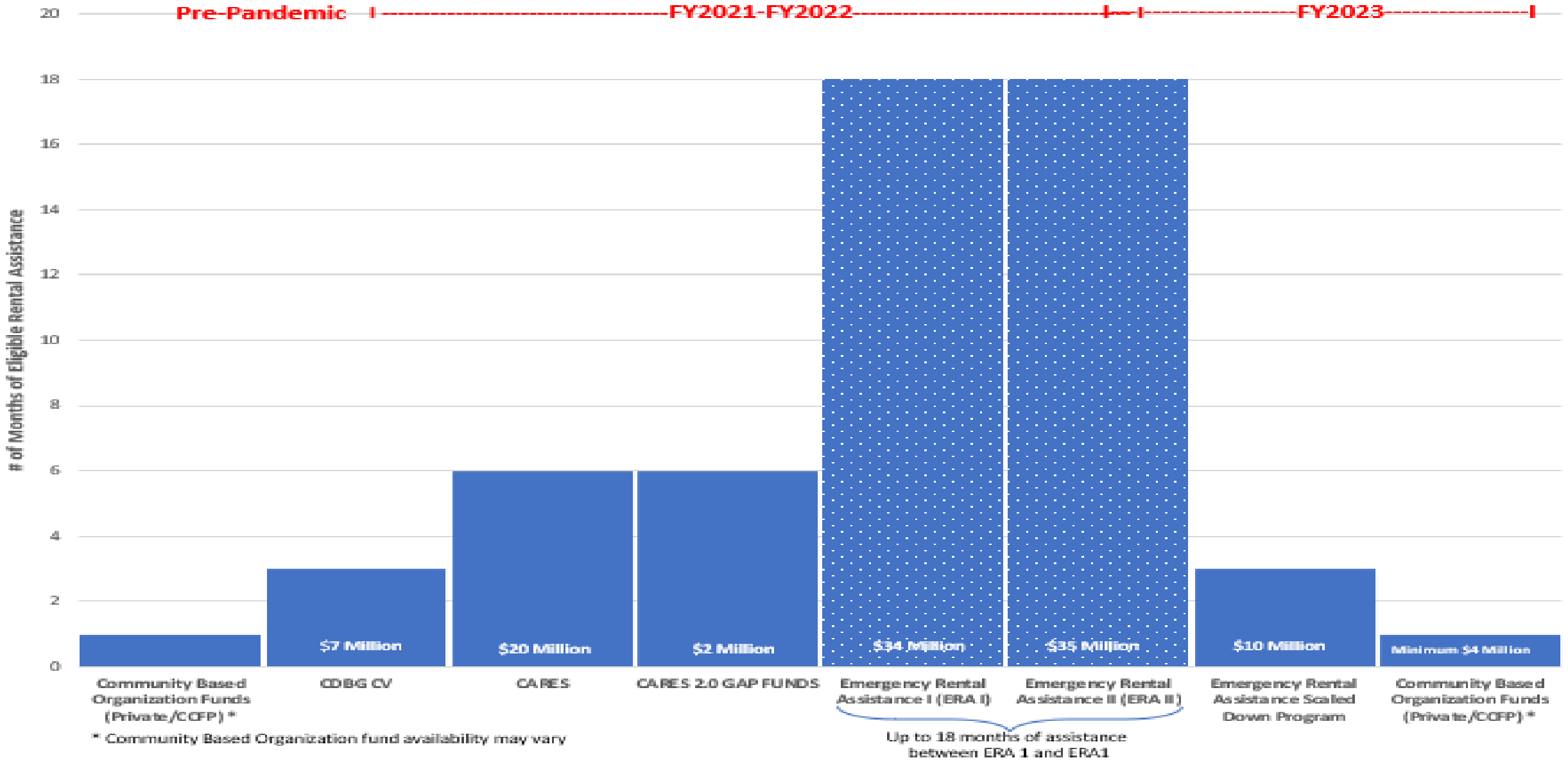
Resource Availability

- ERA I and II :
 - Eligible residents may have been eligible for up to 18 months of rental assistance
 - Eligibility criteria varies between program
 - Based on the number of existing applications currently in process as well as new applications received between now and June 30th, it is anticipated that the ERA II funding will be spent by August 2022.

Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP), administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, closed their program on May 15, 2022. Residents of those jurisdictions are now asked to call 211 and will be referred to their local Human Services agency.

To support residents during this ongoing economic challenge and provide a bridge from extensive federal resources to our existing Emergency Rental Assistance resources, Fairfax County has developed the Bridge Program. Applications for ERA funding will be close as of June 30, 2022. ·

Maximum Rental Assistance Allocation for Eligible Residents by Funding Source



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- ERA Bridge Program launches July 1, 2022

- 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
 - 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](#).

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