

AMENDMENT TO EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ERA 2 2021 PROGRAM AND POLICY GUIDE

This Amendment to Emergency Rental Assistance Program ERA 2 2021 Program and Policy Guide (the “Guide”), revised June 1, 2022, is issued by Maine State Housing Authority (“MaineHousing”) and effective January 19, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Guide is amended as follows:

1. Section N, Tenant Application Processing is amended to add the following at the end of the Section:

Program Termination

Effective September 29, 2022 the Program is terminated. No further applications should be accepted after September 29, 2022.

Subject to funding availability, CAA should process any outstanding applications received on or before September 29, 2022 in accordance with the process outlined in this Guide taking into consideration the following:

- (1) Assistance may only be paid in accordance with the request made in the application. If applicant no longer needs assistance (i.e. the amounts requested are no longer due) no assistance should be paid.
- (2) If an application requests three months of future rent, the three month period starts as of the date of the application (i.e. if an application was submitted September 15, 2022 requesting arrearages through September and three months of future rent, the three months would be October, November and December). No future assistance request should extend beyond December, 2022.
- (3) Applicants cannot be reimbursed for any amounts requested that were subsequently paid from any other source after the date of application.
- (4) If an applicant has moved since the date of application no assistance for the new rental unit may be provided. If arrearages are still owed to the previous landlord, CAA may make payments to the previous landlord to settle an applicant’s arrearages, but payment must be made to the landlord. No direct payments to applicants will be allowed.
- (5) If an applicant requested assistance for an electric bill, only arrearages owed as of the date of the application may be paid.
- (6) For security deposits, assistance may only be provided if the security deposit is still owed.
- (7) For CAAs where individuals are still residing in hotels, assistance may be paid to keep individuals in the hotels through April 30, 2023, provided the individual has not exceed twelve months of assistance. No new applicants should be placed in hotels.
- (8) At no point should any applicant’s benefit exceed twelve months of assistance.

2. All other provisions of the Guide remain in full force and effect.