



Illinois Court-Based Rental Assistance Program

Tenant Direct Payments

The Illinois Court-Based Rental Assistance Program (CBRAP) provides funds directly to eligible tenants if their landlord is unresponsive or chooses not to participate in the program.

- Assistance will pay up to two (2) months of rent directly to the tenant to help secure a new unit.
- The amount of assistance will be based on the HUD Fair Market Rent for a unit with the same number of bedrooms in their zip code. HUD FMR rates can be found by clicking [here](#).
- Assistance is provided as a grant and does not need to be repaid.

Tenant Eligibility

Tenants may be eligible for CBRAP Tenant Direct payments if all eligibility criteria are met and:

- The landlord was unresponsive, refused to accept CBRAP assistance, or did not complete their application portion.
- The tenant plans to move out of the unit and continue to live in Illinois.
- The tenant household meets all [CBRAP](#) eligibility criteria.

Tenant Direct Payment Timeline

Tenants can expect the schedule below when applying for CBRAP Tenant Direct payments:

- For qualified applicants, tenant direct review does not start until at least 15 days after the application submission date.
- Applicant will be contacted by IHDA via a Constant Contact email to complete a required questionnaire form.
- IHDA may also contact applicant via email requesting documents.
- Tenants will receive a check within 14 days of their notification by IHDA that their Tenant Direct rental assistance application was approved.

More Information

Questions? Contact our Customer Relations team:

Email: CBRAP.info@ihda.org

Phone: (866) 454-3571

- The CBRAP call center has English, Spanish, and Polish speaking staff available. If you require assistance in a language other than those three, please email CBRAP.info@ihda.org