

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

In re:)	
State Funded Court-Based Rental)	M.R. 32420
Assistance Program)	

Amended Order

Effective immediately, the Court's order of September 30, 2024, regarding the State Funded Court-Based Rental Assistance Program is amended as follows (deleted material is struck through and added material is underlined):

In 2021, the Illinois Department of Human Services ("IDHS"), in partnership with the Illinois Housing Development Authority ("IHDA") and the Illinois Supreme Court, created and launched a rental assistance program only available to parties who are in the eviction court process (the "Court-Based Rental Assistance Program" or "CBRAP"). This original program, which was in response to the Coronavirus pandemic and federally funded, closed on June 30, 2024. ~~However, B~~beginning in fiscal year 2025, the State of Illinois took over funding allocated \$75 million to continue the CBRAP to continue assisting~~in~~ Illinois for eviction litigants in need.

In furtherance of the State of Illinois' commitment to addressing housing instability and reopening the CBRAP, which will be administered by IHDA; and in the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to Article VI, Section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, sec. 16), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. All summons issued in residential eviction cases shall include ~~the attached, or substantially similar,~~ IHDA's published notices regarding the Court-Based Rental Assistance Program in English and Spanish, most current versions are available at: <https://www.illinoishousinghelp.org/resources>. The notices shall be attached to each residential eviction summons filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, even if the CBRAP is temporarily closed and not accepting new applications. Local Circuit Courts may modify these notices with relevant local information, if applicable.
2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 8, IHDA, a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois created by the Illinois Housing Development Act (20 ILCS 3805/1 *et seq.*), and its designees shall have access to information contained in sealed, impounded, confidential, or otherwise

non-public court files to verify that an eviction action is currently pending against a CBRAP applicant and whether an eviction order has been entered against the applicant.

3. Each circuit clerk will assign an individual or individuals to respond to inquiries from IHDA and its designees in a timely manner pursuant to Paragraph 2 of this order and will provide to the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts ("AOIC") the name, contact information, and preferred method of communication of such assigned individual(s) and any updates to this contact information as needed in a timely manner. The AOIC will provide each circuit clerk with a list of representatives from IHDA and its designees who will submit inquiries for the purpose of administering the CBRAP, including their names and contact information.
4. Nothing in this order permits the release of a sealed, impounded, confidential, or otherwise non-public court file or the information contained therein for a ~~commercial~~ purpose beyond the administration of the CBRAP.
5. This order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.

Order entered by the Court.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, this 11th day of August, 2025.

Cynthia A. Grant

Clerk,
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois

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CLERK