

Illinois Court-Based Rental Assistance Program Toolkit

Illinois Court-Based Rental Assistance is awarded to eligible households in an amount up to \$15,000. This assistance can cover past due rent, up to two future months of rent, and up to \$500 in court costs. The program is set up as a joint application between the tenant and the housing provider/ landlord. Assistance is a one-time benefit per household during the funding round.

Eligibility Requirements

To receive assistance through the Illinois Court-Based Rental Assistance Program (CBRAP), tenants must meet the following criteria:

- Tenant must be in a court-eviction proceeding and provide eviction court documentation.
- The household is behind on rent and is at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.
- Current household income must be below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), adjusted for household size.
- Proof of citizenship is not required.

Documentation Requirements

Information needed to apply will include:

Tenants:

- Government-issued photo ID
- Proof of address (dated within 90 days)
- Proof of household income
- Rent details and amount past due
- Current signed lease (if available)
- Eviction court documents (Complaint/ Summons)
- Valid email address and phone number
- Proof of public assistance (if applicable)
- If receiving Section 8, a copy of recertification of income with new rental amount and copy of voucher with tenant portion of rent

Housing Providers/ Landlords:

- Government-issued photo ID, LLC, Certificate of Good Standing, or Articles of Incorporation
- Proof of ownership
- Proof of unpaid rent (ledger is required)
- Current signed lease (if available)
- Eviction court papers (Complaint/Summons)
- Valid email address and phone number
- Fully executed and current property management agreement (if payment is made to a property manager)

