



Cook County Emergency Rental Assistance





Report to the Board of Commissioners

June 2021

Emergency Rental Assistance Program | Overview

The Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA1) program makes funds available to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cook County received \$72.8 M and open the application window from March 11th to April 9th

		Rental Assistance	Utility Assistance
	Program Description	Provides assistance to eligible applicants to cover rent arrears or future rent payments that cannot be paid by the applicant due to COVID-19 hardships.	Provides assistance to eligible households to cover utility costs that cannot be paid by the applicant due to COVID-19 hardships.
	Funding Consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 months of arrears and 3 months forward 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 12 months of past due payments Each tenant will need to select one utility between ComEd or Nicor Gas
	Funding Cap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$15,000 / applicant per round 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paying the debt indicated on the bill up to a cap of \$1,050 per round
	Prioritization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As determined by the Treasury, priority is given to individuals who are currently unemployed and have an average median income (AMI) of 50% or below 	

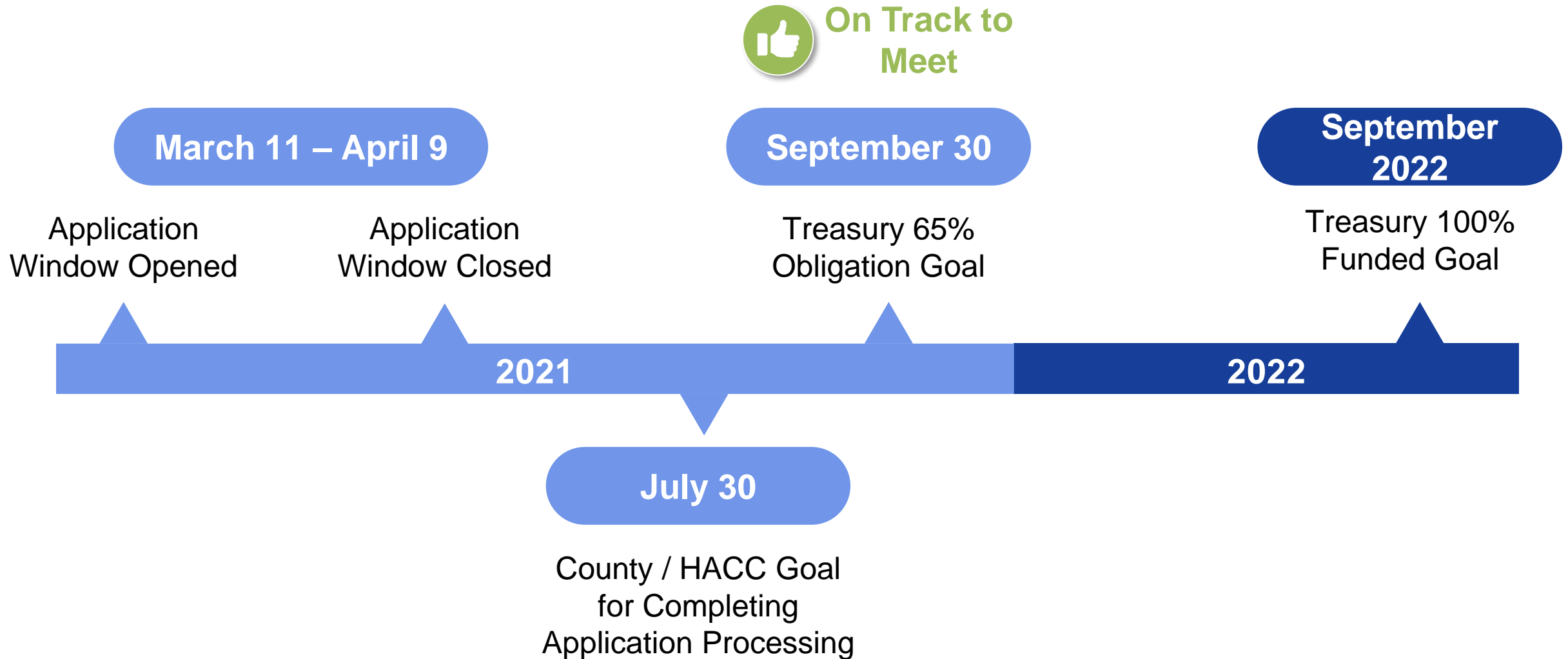
Emergency Rental Assistance Program | Administration Framework

The Department of Planning and Development partnered with the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) and a number of community partners to deliver these programs to County residents.



<p>Department of Planning and Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overseeing the program’s progress and reporting requirements • Managing implementation of workstreams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marketing & Outreach ○ Community Partnerships ○ Operations & Logistics
<p>HACC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administering the grant by performing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application intake ○ Eligibility verification ○ Application prioritization (<50% AMI, 90-day unempl.) ○ Documentation gathering ○ Duplication of Benefits (DOB) check ○ Fund disbursement
<p>Community Partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported marketing and outreach efforts • Providing case management services and support to applicants across the County

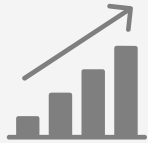
Emergency Rental Assistance Program | Program Timeline



Emergency Rental Assistance Program | Data Summary

Below is an overview of the ERA1 program data as of June 1, 2021. Our grant administrator, the Housing Authority of Cook County, continues to review applications with the goal of distributing all funds during the summer of 2021 - ahead of the Treasury requirement.

Total Applications
Received



16,286

Fully Submitted
Applications*



8,934

Total Approved /
Funded Applications

2,677

Total Amount Approved
and Funded

\$23,568,450

Average Funding
Amount per Applicant

\$8,788

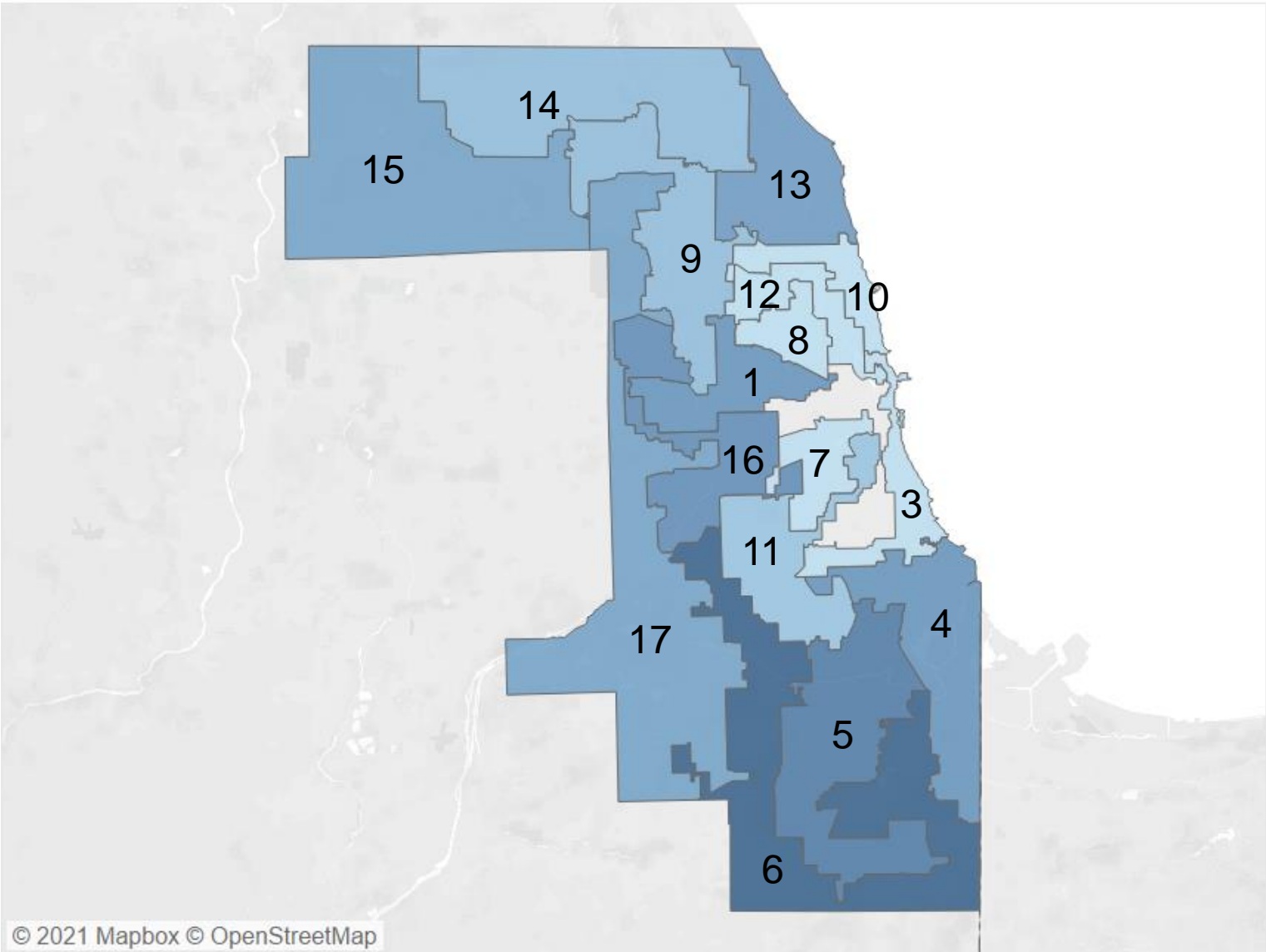


**36%
Funded**

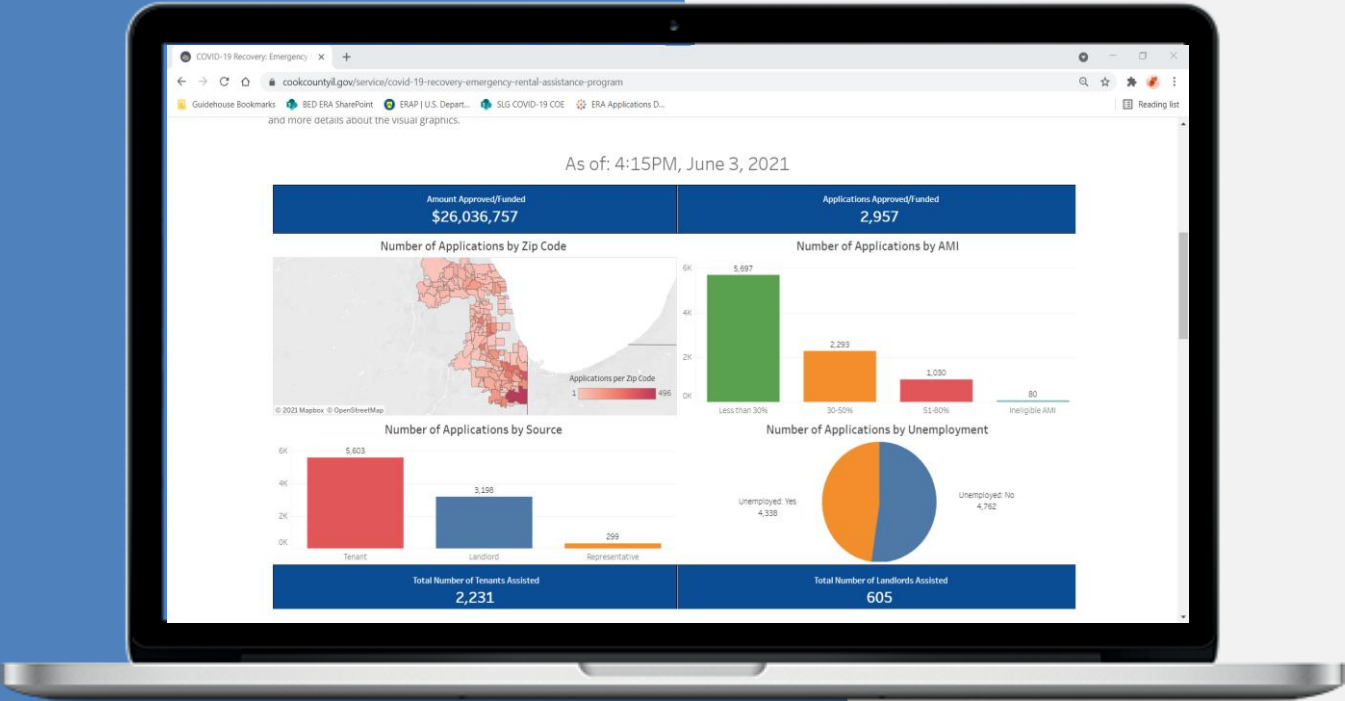
* Fully submitted means the application was completed by a tenant and landlord and will be reviewed by HACC

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Number of Applications by District



Cook County ERA1 Dashboard



Updated each day with the latest application and funding data



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