



Burns Paiute Housing Department

June 2021 Newsletter

Dear Tribal Members,

We would like to share the following updates and resources for the Department of Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP):

2021 TREASURY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (ERA):

The Department of Treasury has granted the BPHD with Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds. The funds can be used to pay for rent and utilities arrears, prioritizing tribal members at-risk: homeless, elders, disabled and low-income families with children.

	Persons In Family							
FY21 HUD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
80% AMI	\$36,050	\$41,200	\$46,360	\$51,500	\$55,650	\$59,750	\$63,900	\$68,000

* [FY21 HUD Income Limits Website](#)

Eligibility Requirements:

- The main requirement is that the family makes under 80% of the local Area Median Income (AMI), which for Harney County in FY21 is:
- There are no regional limits to the ERAP, meaning services are eligible to tribal members throughout the United States.

We are working with the State of Oregon on a portal through which tenants can apply. Rental payments will be paid by BPHD directly to the landlord. We will verify all current BPHD tenants during the annual recertification, which we estimate being ready to process by end of June 2021.

A. For Burns Paiute Tribal Members in Burns:

The Burns Paiute Housing Department will serve the local community as per the following policies.

- [BPHD ERAP Policy](#)

Applications for the program are under development and will be shared here when the program is announced.

B. For Tribal Members (and anyone) in Harney County:

If the BPHD is not able to help you either because of lack of funds or you may not qualify, you may still be eligible to receive rental assistance.

From the [Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program website](#):

- <https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/housing-assistance/Pages/emergency-rental-assistance.aspx>

Tribal members and State of Oregon residents can find rental assistance solutions by searching through the repository here for rental assistance coordinators.

For Harney County you can use this source: <https://communityinaction.info/>

C. For Tribal Members (and anyone) throughout Oregon:

NeighborImpact (neighborimpact.org) are administering ERAP across Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties and will also be able to backfill in the Central Oregon region when and if Tribal ERAP is depleted.

Applications are now being accepted through the online application portal:

<https://www.oregonrentalassistance.org/>

If tribal members need help applying please call 541-323-0222 or email rentassist@neighborimpact.org

D. For Tribal Members throughout the United States:

Treasury ERAP funding was given to all Housing Authorities and Departments in each City in the United States. If the Burns Paiute Program is not able to serve you, or when the funds are depleted, there is a good chance that a local partner will be able to provide services.

You can search for a local partners through this Treasury ERAP provider index:

- <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/emergency-rental-assistance-program/program-index>

For more information, please see this NWIHA ERA Video describing policies and procedures:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V54fFW6w68M>

For policy information and updates, please see the Department of Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program website:

- <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/emergency-rental-assistance-program>



FY 2021 INCOME LIMITS DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM

[HUD.gov](#) [HUD User Home](#) [Data Sets](#) [Fair Market Rents](#) [Section 8 Income Limits](#) [MTSP Income Limits](#) [HUD LIHTC Database](#)

FY 2021 Income Limits Summary

Selecting any of the buttons labeled "Explanation" will display detailed calculation steps for each of the various parameters.

FY 2021 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income Explanation	FY 2021 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Harney County, OR	\$53,500	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) Explanation	22,550	25,800	29,000	32,200	34,800	37,400	39,950	42,550
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$) * Explanation	13,550	17,420	21,960	26,500	31,040	35,580	39,950*	42,550*
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) Explanation	36,050	41,200	46,350	51,500	55,650	59,750	63,900	68,000

* The FY 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act changed the definition of extremely low-income to be the greater of 30/50ths (60 percent) of the Section 8 very low-income limit or the poverty guideline as [established by the Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#), provided that this amount is not greater than the Section 8 50% very low-income limit. Consequently, the extremely low income limits may equal the very low (50%) income limits.