



County of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Social Services



## THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT EVICTION (EAPE) PROGRAM

Under the EAPE program, families who are at risk of losing their housing because of non-payment of rent due to a financial hardship (not for any other lease/contract violation) may receive funds to pay rent and/or utilities for up to two months in arrears to assist the family in maintaining permanent housing.

To be eligible for EAPE, the family must:

- Be CalWORKs eligible, receiving CalWORKs or Timed-out from CalWORKs;
- Demonstrate that they are experiencing a financial hardship that could result in homelessness if assistance is not given.
- Provide proof of the financial hardship.

Once the eligibility requirements are met, a family:

- May receive up to \$2,000 to pay rent and/or utilities for up to two months in arrears to assist the family in maintaining permanent housing; and
- Must agree to pay part of the past due rent and/or utilities.

Funds under the EAPE program cannot be used to pay current month's rent and/or utilities unless the family has received a notice to pay rent or quit **and** meets a financial hardship.

Families must apply in person at a CalWORKs district office.