

# Kitsap ERAP 1.0 – Eviction Rent Assistance Program – Data Summary

The Eviction Rent Assistance Program (ERAP) Grant is part of Washington’s State’s response to the COVID-19 disaster. The first round of ERAP funding (ERAP 1.0) was available September – December 2020. The goal was to prevent evictions that would contribute to homelessness by paying up to a combined total of up to 6 months of past due, current due, and future rent, targeting limited resources to those with the greatest needs while working to distribute funds equitably. In Kitsap County this program consisted of 4 rent assistance organizations (Kitsap Community Resources, Housing Kitsap, Bremerton Housing Authority, and the Port Gamble S’Kallam Tribe) and 5 community organizations doing program outreach to diverse populations (House of Refuge, Gather Together Grow Together, Foundation for Homeless & Poverty Management, Mt Zion Church, and Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center). This data covers the initial ERAP investment during September – December 2020.

## Over \$3.1 million in rent assistance provided

Between Sept 2020 – Dec 2020, a total of 1,090 Kitsap County households were provided a combined total of over \$3.1 million dollars of rent assistance, paid to their landlord to prevent eviction.

## Households with the greatest needs were assisted

ERAP funds were targeted toward households most likely to become homeless after eviction in Kitsap County. Qualifying households had to be at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI), AND have at least 1 month of unpaid rent.

Qualifying households had to be rent burdened (paying 50% or more of income to rent), or previously homeless in the last 5 years, or have an eviction history in the last 7 years, or at risk of severe illness (62 years of age or older with an underlying condition), or a disability of any household member.

68% of households served had incomes of less than 30% Area Median Income (AMI), and 32% had incomes between 30%-50% of AMI.

## Households were provided with a median of 3 months of assistance

Households that were assisted by the ERAP program were provided with a median number of 3 months of rent assistance. The average amount of monthly rent provided was \$874. ERAP rent assistance was able to pay for rent due, with limits of up to 100% of Fair Market Rent (FMR) or 80% of the total amount of rent owed to the landlord.

## Equity outcomes and benchmarks

The ERAP program promoted equity in who was served and focused on populations that historically had not been provided equitable access to rent assistance, and those populations most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This included ethnic and racial minorities, LGBTQ+, people with mental health or substance issues, people with limited English proficiency, and other people who may not have access to supports.

To reach these underserved and diverse populations, several outreach organizations assisted in targeted outreach within their communities to directly assist with applying for assistance.

Funding for this program included a requirement to meet or exceed benchmarks based upon equitable access among these populations. Kitsap County far exceeded these requirements to work towards racial equity.

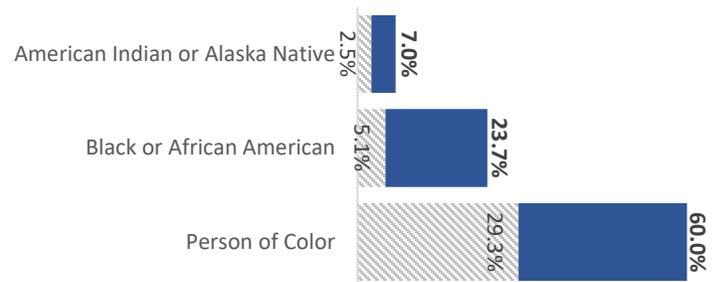
**Over \$3.1 million in unpaid rental assistance paid to landlords for 1,090 most vulnerable low-income households at risk of eviction**

**68% of households served have incomes less than 30% Area Median Income (AMI)**

Household Size	30% AMI
1	\$19,260
2	\$22,020
3	\$24,780
4	\$27,520

**Households were assisted with a median of 3 months of rent, for an average rental assistance amount of \$874/month**

## Racial Equity Bachmarks and Performance



▨ Benchmark (minimum goal based on Kitsap Census)

■ Performance (% of Total Served)

