District of Columbia
Interagency Council on Homelessness

Housing Solutions Committee
October 19, 2020

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COVID Rental Assistance Programs Update

October 19, 2020

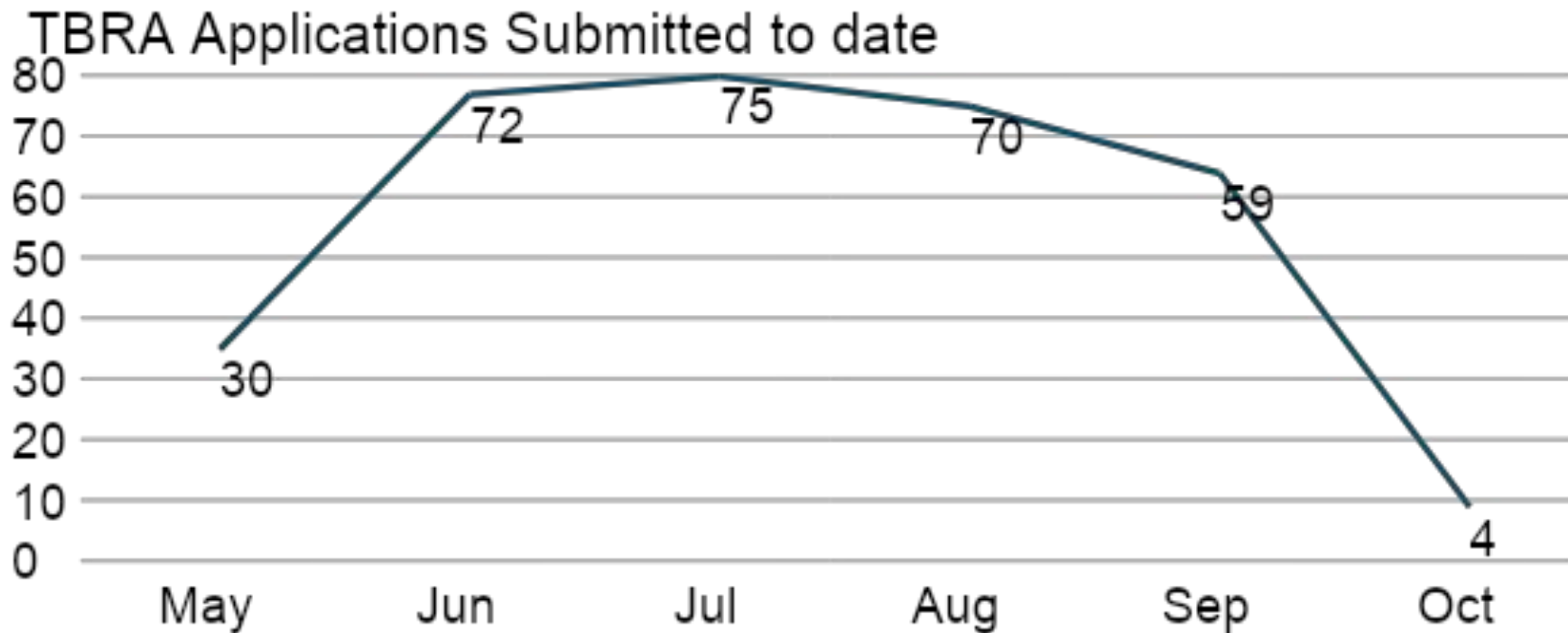# Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program will assist with payment of rent for low-income renters that have been impacted during the COVID-19 emergency and the stay at home order, as of May 11th, 2020.

TBRA is administered by two of our partner CBOs:

- Housing Counseling Services
- Latino Economic Development Center

TBRA Application Eligibility Status

Process	Buildings	Applications	Applications Pending Review
Reviewed from intake	251	302	4
Awarded/ Pending award	100	195	1

TBRA Applications Submitted to date

TBRA Awards Demographics

Ward	Applicants
Ward 1	25
Ward 2	3
Ward 3	2
Ward 4	73
Ward 5	28
Ward 6	2
Ward 7	22
Ward 8	35
TOTAL	190

MFI level	Applicants
0 - 30%	170
31 - 50%	18
51 - 60%	4
Other	1
TOTAL	193

TBRA Awards

- Awardees: 195
- Common Monthly Award Amount: $750
- Awarded Funds: $851,987.00
- Pending Payments: $240,002
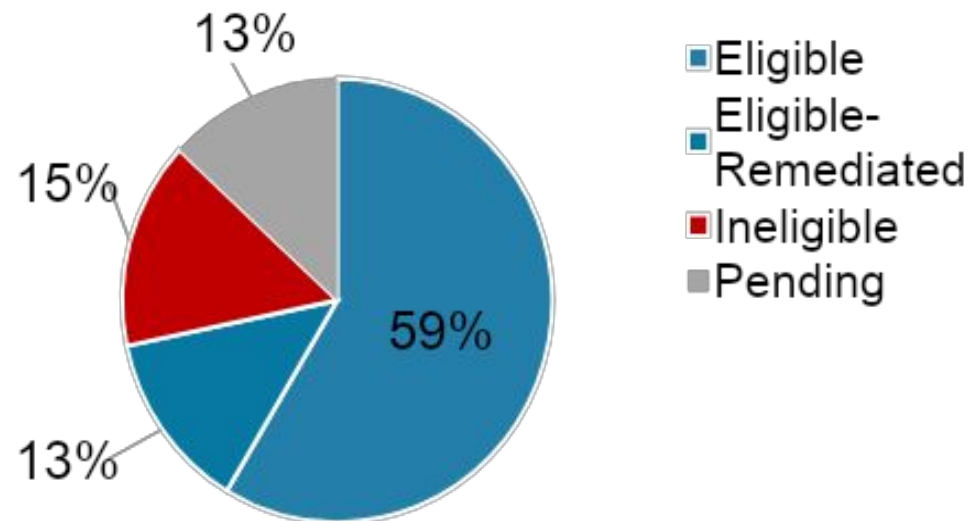- Total committed dollars: $1,091,989

TBRA Lead Hazard Inspections

- Units found to be ineligible are issued a notice to remedy inspection findings and re-inspected in 30 days

Lead Hazard Inspections	
Units assigned for Inspection	99
Inspected	86
Pending Inspection	13

Units Lead Review Status (n=99)

13%
15%
13%
59%

- Eligible
- Eligible-Remediated
- Ineligible
- Pending

COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program will assist with payment of rent arrears for low-income renters that have been impacted during the COVID-19 emergency and the stay at home order, as of June 16th, 2020.

CHAP is administered by three of our partner CBOs:

- Greater Washington Urban League
- Housing Counseling Services
- United Planning Organization

CHAP Requests

	Total	Eligible
Portal Requests	516	413
Requests via CBOs	448	170
Total Requests	**964**	**583**

CHAP Awards

- Average CHAP Award: $3,175.01
- Number of Awardees: 129
- Total Awarded Funds: $409,576
- Pending Awards: $245,521
- Total Committed: $655,097

CHAP Awards Demographics

Ward	Awardees
Ward 1	4
Ward 2	3
Ward 3	2
Ward 4	7
Ward 5	11
Ward 6	8
Ward 7	14
Ward 8	28
N/A	5
Total	82

MFI Level	Awardees
0 - 30% MFI	51
31- 50% MFI	16
51 -60% MFI	4
61 -80% MFI	3
81 - 100% MFI	8
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Eviction Prevention

- Interagency collaboration to establish and implement a coordinated plan to mitigate housing instability and eviction and to prevent a surge in homelessness

- The Mayor extended the public health emergency until 12/31/20; the eviction moratorium remains in place through February (for 60 days post PHE)

- Tenant Resources:
  - **Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA) hotline**, 202-719-6560
  - **Tenants Rights and Resources document,** at https://ota.dc.gov/
  - **Rental assistance programs,** including DHS's Emergency Rental Assistance Program and DHCD's COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program; more info here: https://dhs.dc.gov/service/eviction-prevention

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

- In FY20, ERAP approved 1,565 applications and expended all available funding; we did not see an increase in applications despite the pandemic
- In FY21, the ERAP budget is increased to $14M

	FY20 budget (allocated)	FY20 budget spent (actual)	# of clients served	# of applications approved
ERAP	$7,382,419	$7,282,419	3,958	1,565

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ERAP Emergency Legislation

- Amends eligibility criteria, including setting income limit to 40% AMI

- Increases maximum allowable payment

- Grants DHS authority to waive restriction on number of months funds may cover rent arrearages during public health emergency

- DHS is working on rulemaking to clarify implementation details

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