Chicago Emergency Rental Assistance Program

April 15, 2021
Assistance Rounds 1 and 2

**Round One**
- April 2020 start
- $2m city funds
- 2,000 grants of $1,000
- Direct to tenants and homeowners
- Online application and delegate agencies

**Round Two**
- August 2020 start
- $21m+ federal funds
- Approx. 10,000 grants of $2,000 - $3,000
- Direct to tenants
- Online application and delegate agencies
Round Three: ERAP

- $80 million in federal funds
- Both landlords and tenants can apply
- Grants go to landlord unless they decline/do not respond
- Grants can pay for up to 12 months of unpaid back rent, and 3 months forward
- Grants can cover utilities and late fees
ERAP: Who is eligible?

Tenants

- Below 80% of Area Median Income (family of four = $72,800)
- Preference for those under 50% of AMI (family of four = $45,500)
- COVID-19 hardship
- City of Chicago resident
ERAP: How to apply

Online application at Chicago.gov/RentHelp

Call center will be available

Community-based orgs also doing outreach and intake

Landlords can register without applying for each tenant
ERAP: Goals

Present as few barriers as possible

Serve those in the greatest need

Be transparent about the process