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TO: Interested Housing Stability Services Applicants  
FROM: Office of Economic Opportunity and Department of Housing & Community Development  
DATE: March 23, 2021  
RE: Emergency Rental Assistance Program: Housing Stability Services

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The US Treasury has made available funds for the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program to assist eligible households who are otherwise unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of Vermont's ERA, the Vermont State Housing Authority and Public Service Department are working to implement a joint program to provide rental and utility payment assistance.

The State of Vermont continues to review the provisions and requirements set forth by the U.S. Treasury as they relate to housing stability services. As this review continues, it is anticipated that the overall allocation for Housing Stability Services may be reduced from initial projections. As a result of this ongoing process the deadline to apply for these funds has been updated.

**New Timeline:**

- Notice of Funding Opportunity released: February 24, 2021
- Updated Notice of Funding Opportunity released: March 23, 2021
- Applications are due by April 30, 2021.
- Awards will be made on a rolling basis.
- Program Start Date: April 1, 2021 or later
  - On request and with sufficient justification, some exceptions may be granted for a retroactive start date.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Vermonters and your patience with this process.

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