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**Pikes Peak United Way taking appointments to help renters and landlords apply for
Emergency Rental Assistance relief funds**

May 13, 2021 — Starting today Pikes Peak United Way will begin taking appointments to help community members who are seeking relief funds apply for the state's Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which helps property owners and tenants who have been unable to pay rent due to financial hardship due to COVID-19. Applicants can apply for up to six months in back rent and three months of current rent, and then continue to apply for three-month blocks for up to 15 months of rental assistance.

The City of Colorado Springs has received \$25 million dollars in ERA program funds and will be distributing the funds on a first come, first served basis. Qualified applicants must register through an online portal and submit all information electronically. Last night, PPUW began training volunteers in the application process so they can assist community members seeking relief. During the appointment PPUW volunteers will be able to print and scan the necessary documents, such as a lease and proof of income, as well as file the application.

Those seeking help with the online application can begin scheduling appointments by calling PPUW's free and confidential helpline 2-1-1 or visiting <https://ppuwerap.as.me/schedule.php>. Appointments will begin on Monday, May 24th and are available Monday – Thursday from 5:00-8:00pm and Friday and Saturday from 9:00am-12:00pm.

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