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***Legal Aid to Albany: Lawmakers Must Ensure that FY23
Budget Includes at Least \$1 Billion for ERAP***

***Today's Call Comes in Response to the Biden Administration's
Insufficient Recent Allotment for ERAP Which Fails to Meet
Demand***

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society called on Albany to ensure that New York's Fiscal Year 2023 Executive Budget includes at least \$1 billion to replenish the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), which has been depleted since earlier this year. Today's call comes in response to the Biden Administration's [recent allotment of \\$119,204,649 for ERAP](#), which falls drastically short of the statewide demand from tenants at risk of eviction.

“This latest round of ERAP funding from the Biden Administration falls drastically short of the statewide demand we are seeing from tenants at risk of eviction,” said **Judith Goldiner, Attorney-In-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “Given this development, Albany lawmakers must ensure that the FY23 budget includes at least \$1 billion earmarked to replenish ERAP. New York faces a tidal wave of evictions, and Governor Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Heastie and other legislators must prioritize keeping families in their homes.”

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