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## ***Legal Aid Lauds U.S. Department of the Treasury for Reallocating Roughly \$100 Million to Replenish New York's Emergency Rental Assistance Program***

### ***Attorneys Call on Biden Administration to Appropriate Additional ERAP Funding to Serve Tenants in Need***

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** lauded the United States Department of the Treasury for [reallocating](#) \$99,354,877.39 to New York State's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) as part of its third round of funding.

As of September 23, 2022, [ERAP](#) has received 366,862 applications and has issued over \$2.5 billion in payments for rent arrears to landlords. Moreover, ERAP has approved an additional \$428 million to pay the arrears of an additional 33,865 households whose landlords have not yet completed paperwork needed for release of the payments. However, many families still remain behind on rent, grappling with the financial fallout created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

States that do not allocate these funds and do not request an extension are required to return any dollars to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Legal Aid urges the Biden Administration to reallocate those dollars to ERAP as the demand for relief very much exists statewide, especially during this time of economic uncertainty.

“This latest allocation will help tenants still struggling financially from the pandemic to remain in the homes and ensures that landlords recoup rents owed,” said **Judith Goldiner, attorney-in-charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “However, the need from tenants statewide is still great, and we call on the Biden Administration to allocate monies unused by other states to replenish ERAP. Now more than ever, with skyrocketing rents, all levels of government must do their part to keep families safely housed.”

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