HCJFS Emergency Rent and Utilities Assistance Programs - Funding Source Overview

Updated: 8/30/2021





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Families Served

1,655

Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) Funds Ongoing

HCJFS' ongoing, flexible program to overcome barriers and achieve self-sufficiency. Details Page 3.

PRC is an ongoing program to help Hamilton County families overcome immediate employment related barriers. PRC program helps with transportation to work, uniforms, tools, training, housing, and utilities. Eligible families can received up to \$3,000 one time a year.



Families Served

905

COVID-19 PRC \$500 Relief Checks 4/13/2020 - 6/1/2020

HCJFS' rapid response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

HCJFS leveraged \$3 million dollars of TANF PRC funds to distribute to eligible families with an income loss caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic. 6,000 Hamilton County families received \$500 checks 6 weeks.



Families Served

6,000

CARES Funding 11/2020 - 3/31/2021

Federal Funds for immediate rent and utility relief

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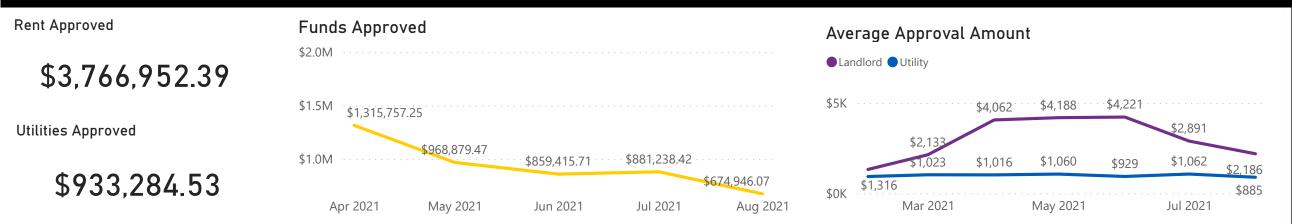


Families Served

334

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) (4/1/2021 - 8/22/2021)

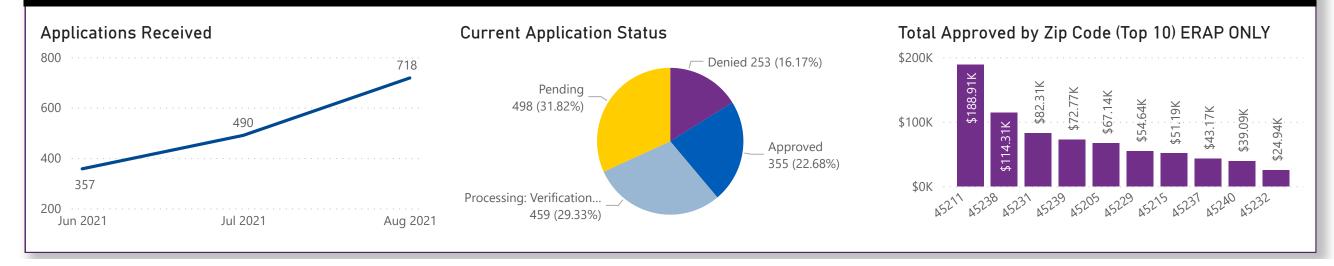
Note: Reporting only ERAP Data 4/1/2021 to present.



Funding approvals are decreasing because: (1) the average approval total for rent has gone down since the start of the pandemic. Rent approvals in April - May 2021 averaged \$4,000; by July rent approvals decreased to an average of \$2,800 and August shows a continuing trend. (2) Processing staff have been leveraged for special projects and outreach, more staff in the field reduces capacity to process applications. While these present positive opportunities for employees, they can negatively impact processing and create backlogs. HCJFS is facing the same hiring challenges as many employers in the area. To mitigate the staffing challenges, HCJFS is: (1) increasing processing resources by borrowing staff capacity from other departments, (2) temporarily halting outreach activities for ERAP processing staff and offering these opportunities to other departments/employees with greater capacity.

ERAP Processing Improvements (6/3/2021 - 8/22/2021)

HCJFS receives 129 (on average) each week. In early June 2021, HCJFS deployed a new ERAP database. As part of this transition, HCJFS is hiring and training employees to meet the community's need for rent and utility assistance. HCJFS will continuously remain flexible and shift resources as needed. Data below ONLY includes data in the ERAP database.



Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) Rent & Utilities (3/1/2020 - 7/30/2021)

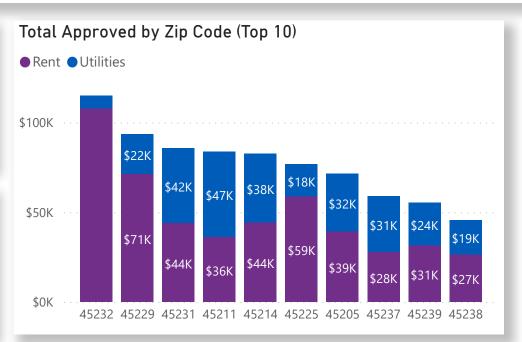


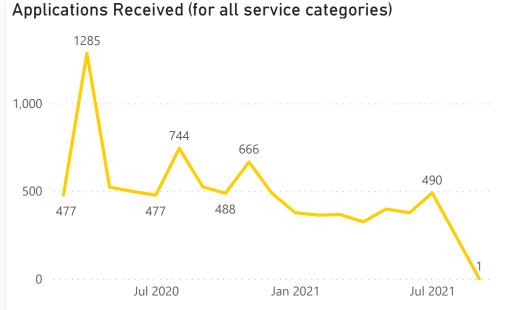
Rent / Utility Approvals

928

Average Days (Receipt - Decision)

12.03





Rent Approved

\$692,355.11

Utilities Approved

\$460,961.17

