

Ordinance 250902

Establishing the Targeted Emergency Rental Assistance Program
(T-ERAP)

October 21st, 2025

Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee



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- Establishes a Targeted – Emergency Rental Assistance Program.
- Authorizes the Department to work with the United Way of Greater Kansas City and First Call Technologies to administer the Program.
- Aligns existing and new programs to create an eviction mitigation strategy.

T-ERAP Objectives

- To serve tenants most at risk of eviction, displacement, and homelessness;
- To provide Right to Counsel attorneys with tools to help tenants avoid the long-term consequences of eviction;
- To reduce the administrative burden on our court systems by resolving cases early in the process;
- To promote collaborative relationships between property managers and tenants.

T-ERAP Program Operation

City of Kansas City

- Provides funding for RTC and T-ERAP;
- Ensure performance under terms of written agreements with service providers;
- Ensures funds are spent efficiently, effectively, and equitably.

T-ERAP Service Provider

- Works with RTC Service Providers to provide emergency rental assistance to qualified tenants.
- Will facilitate assistance once tenant is deemed eligible.
- Reports data back to City

RTC Service Providers

- Represent tenants in Eviction Court;
- Will utilize T-ERAP dollars to leverage better results for tenants;
- Negotiate settlement agreements on behalf of tenants;
- Report data back to City.

Reporting Requirements

- Annual Report to City Manager, Mayor, and City Council
Due September 1
- Aligns with the Right to Counsel Reporting Requirement
- Evaluates the effectiveness of the Program, identifies opportunities for improvement.

Proof of Concept – Federal ERAP Funding

Provider	Total Assistance Provided	# of Cases	Average per Case
Heartland Center for Jobs and Freedom	\$44,557	18	\$2,475.00
Legal Aid of Western Missouri	\$42,509	14	\$3,036.00
University of Missouri – Kansas City	\$37,157	11	\$3,377.00
Non-RTC Eviction Cases	\$35,776	15	\$2,385.00
Total	\$160,000	58	\$2,758.00

Next Steps

- Enter into written agreements governing the Program;
- Set up reporting systems with First Call and begin tracking data;
- Work with service providers to begin providing funding to tenants at risk of eviction.