NEED HELP PAYING RENT?

Chicago & Illinois Housing Resources | 2026

Are you having trouble paying rent? You may be able to get help with:

- Rent you owe.
- Your first month's rent.
- Security deposits.
- Gas and electric bills.
- Eviction problems.

Where should you call?

Live in Chicago?

Call **311** and ask for rental assistance.

Have an eviction court case?

Call **866-454-3571** to ask about Illinois rental assistance.

Live in suburban Cook County?

Call **877-426-6515** to ask for housing help.

Need help with gas or electric bills?

Call **833-711-0374** to ask about LIHEAP.

You may qualify for help, but money is not always available. Call to ask.

BEFORE YOU CALL

Be ready to explain:

- Your name.
- Where you live.
- How much rent you owe.
- Why you need help.
- Whether you received eviction papers.
- How much money your household receives.

Ask these questions:

1. Are you accepting applications?
2. Is money available?
3. What papers do I need?
4. How do I apply?
5. When will I hear back?

SAVE THESE PHONE NUMBERS - Find the additional help you need.

If you live in...	Call
Chicago and need rent help	311
Chicago and need community resources	211
Illinois and have an eviction court case	866-454-3571
Suburban Cook County	877-426-6515
Other Illinois counties	833-711-0374
Need help paying gas or electric bills	833-711-0374
Need eviction legal help	855-956-5763