

Emergency Housing Assistance Fund

The **Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) fund**, part of Orange County's Risk Mitigation and Housing Displacement fund, was created by the Board of Commissioners in 2018 to promote access to stable, affordable housing and prevent housing displacement and homelessness.

In April 2020, in response to increased need due to economic hardship from COVID-19, Orange County Housing and Community Development (OCHCD) implemented policy changes allowing EHA to be used for more housing stabilization expenses and worked with the Towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough—which each operated separate but similar funds—to streamline all four funds into one program to make the application process more accessible for Orange County residents. The streamlined fund is administered by OCHCD. As need for housing assistance continues to climb, OCHCD and the Towns continue to seek additional funding to meet the growing demand.



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	TOTAL
HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED JANUARY-MAY 2020	4	9	8	32	69	122

AVERAGE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PER HOUSEHOLD

\$1,215

63% of lifetime assistance provided through EHA fund (since its creation) occurred in April and May of 2020 in response to COVID-19

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Rent Assistance	\$5,963.98	\$5,343.59	\$6,669.35	\$25,089.67	\$65,967.36	\$109,033.95
Security Deposit	\$1,850.00	\$775.00	\$2,335.00		\$1,000.00	\$5,960.00
Utility Assistance	\$10.99	\$690.84	\$215.00	\$1,335.42	\$1,139.94	\$3,392.19
Utility Deposit	\$551.50				\$489.27	\$1,040.77
Misc. Housing Expenses (e.g., application fee)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Mortgage Assistance					\$812.30	\$812.30
Hotel Stay		\$1,241.01	\$1,999.18	\$22,306.85	\$2,003.05	\$27,550.09
GRAND TOTAL	\$8,376.47	\$8,050.44	\$11,218.53	\$48,731.94	\$71,811.92	\$148,189.30

