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Emergency Rental Assistance Program to Close Cycle 6 - Nears Exhaustion of Funds *ERA issues \$43Million in Rental and Utility Assistance*

Tamuning, Guam (January 10, 2025) – Beginning January 21, 2025, the ERA program will officially cease accepting new applications for direct services due to the depletion of funds allocated for rent, rental arrears, utilities, and utility arrears assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tenants who are currently eligible for Financial Relief Assistance Continuance Applications may still submit their applications until March 31, 2025. The program will process all eligible Continuance cases, including outstanding payments and obligations, by April 30, 2025, in accordance with U.S. Department of Treasury guidelines.

Landlords are encouraged to continue to provide accommodations for those who have exhausted their benefits under the program or whose income continues to be affected by changing economic circumstances.

To further support tenants during this transition, the Office of Homelessness Assistance and Poverty Prevention (OHAPP) offers a range of services, including:

- Referrals to the Department of Labor for employment assistance
- Guidance on eligibility for SNAP and Medicaid benefits
- Referrals to shelter programs through the Guam Homeless Coalition
- Assistance with GHURA public housing applications

For more information, please contact the ERA office at 671-638-4518 or 671-638-4519.

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