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**Assistance Available for Unpaid Bills**

*Tri-County Electric Co-op members may be eligible for \$1 billion in federal assistance*

ALEDO – The Texas Rent Relief Program was granted \$1 billion in federal assistance to help Texans with unpaid bills dating back to March 13, 2020.

The funds help Texans who have past due and up to three months of rent, utility and home energy expenses. Tenants and landlords can apply for assistance.

Eligibility includes households at or below 80% of the area's median income; one or more of the tenants qualify for unemployment benefits or can attest they experienced a loss of income or experienced financial hardship during the pandemic.

Texans can check eligibility and apply for rent and utility bill assistance at [www.texasrentrelief.com](http://www.texasrentrelief.com) or email [info@texasrentrelief.com](mailto:info@texasrentrelief.com). Texans who do not have access to the online options may call 1-833-989-7368. Applications opened February 15.

According to the Texas Rent Relief Program dashboard, over \$100 million has been paid to Texans to assist with unpaid bills. Funds were awarded to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs from the Emergency Rental Assistance fund included in the recent Coronavirus Relief Bill.

For more information, visit [www.texasrentrelief.com](http://www.texasrentrelief.com) or call 1-833-989-7368.

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Tri-County Electric Cooperative serves more than 95,000 members in 16 counties in the north Texas region. The co-op provides power to more than 120,500 meters on 9,360 miles of distribution line.