
Kalamazoo Housing Update

April 2021. Patrese Griffin, ViceMayor City of Kalamazoo

Chapter 18/18A

The City of Kalamazoo is offering eight fair housing training sessions for landlords and housing providers in the City of Kalamazoo. The training will be provided by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and the Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan and will focus on federal and state Fair Housing Law.

Training will be offered on the following dates and times:

- **Wednesday, March 17 at 9 a.m.**
- **Thursday, March 25 at 9 a.m.**
- **Thursday, April 15 at 9 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, April 21 at 9 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, May 5 at 9 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, May 19 at 9 a.m.**
- **Thursday, June 3 at 9 a.m.**
- **Thursday, June 10 at 9 a.m.**

9/8/20 City of Kalamazoo expanded Fair Housing protections, eliminated blanket policies for evictions & convictions, addressed rental application fees, created Civil Rights Board

- **currently working work ISAAC/TRHT housing task force to expand protections throughout the county**
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Commissioners will determine
how to spend the funds

Kzoo County Housing Director
taking input and drafting a plan

More info can be found at:

Kalamazoo county.com

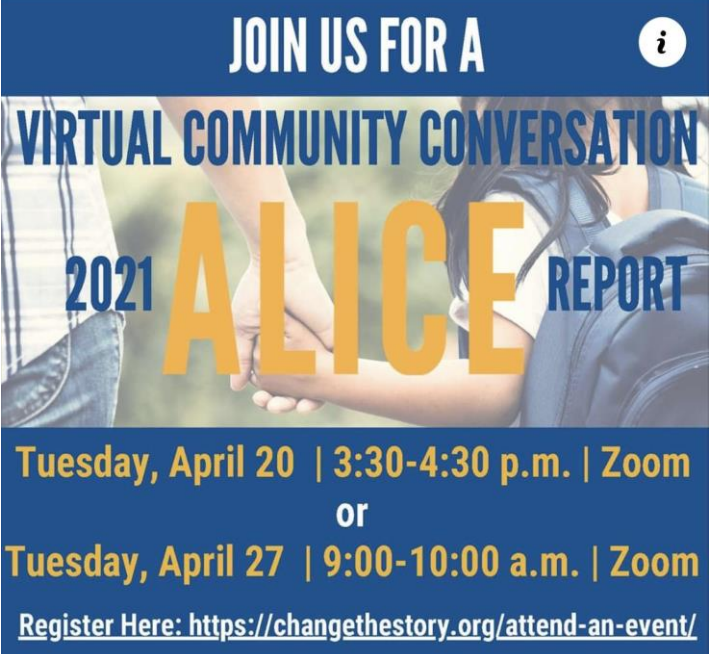
Reports and Information


ALICE Report

Asset Limited Income
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A promotional poster for a virtual community conversation. The top section is a dark blue banner with the text "JOIN US FOR A" in white, followed by "VIRTUAL COMMUNITY CONVERSATION" in blue. Below this is a photograph of two people holding hands, with the word "ALICE" in large yellow letters overlaid. The year "2021" is on the left and "REPORT" is on the right. The bottom section is another dark blue banner with the dates and times in yellow: "Tuesday, April 20 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Zoom" and "or Tuesday, April 27 | 9:00-10:00 a.m. | Zoom". At the bottom, it says "Register Here: <https://changethestory.org/attend-an-event/>". An information icon is in the top right corner.

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Encampment Update

HIP (Hotel Intervention Pro
90 day hotel stay, Mills st
encampment

- City contractors doing cleanup
- Outreach still being completed



Covid Relief

17 Million Dollar CERA funds

Eviction prevention dollars, Kalamazoo County, back rent up to 12 months, utilities, internet, future rent up to 3 months

City of Kalamazoo- no water shut offs 2021

COVID EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE



Have you lost income due to COVID-19?

Struggling to make rent and utility payments?

How can the CERA Program help?

This rental assistance program can help those struggling with past due rents and utility payments. Read below to find out more on requirements for eligibility and documents required to apply.

Who is eligible?

You may be eligible for the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program if you meet all the following conditions:

1. You are currently in a rental unit
2. Have a documented amount of past-due rent or utilities from after March 13th.
3. Have a gross household income below 80% area median income (AMI), for the area (See table below)
4. Have experienced an eligible COVID hardship since March 13, 2020.
5. A lease agreement in the tenant's name if a written lease was completed (Verbal leases may qualify but will need additional documentation)

What you will need to apply:

- Copy of past-due rent notice, a notice to quit or a court ordered summons, complaint or judgement
- Copy of state ID for the tenant applicant (with proof of residency if address does not match the unit) or other photo ID
- Most current copy of lease agreement in tenant's name (if a written lease was completed)
 - If working with a verbal lease, additional documentation may be requested
- Provide all proof of earned and unearned income for household members that live at the property & are over the age of 18
 - Household income/benefits (unemployment, SSI, etc.) for one month OR Copy of submitted 2020 IRS form 1040 (first 2 pages)
 - Food Assistance Program Notice of Case Action form (only for 3 or less people in household)
- Copy of ALL utility statements, if applicable
- Copy of Internet bill/statement, if applicable
- COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Owner/Landlord Application and required documents (Owner/Landlord may also submit separately)
- Supporting documentation for proof of COVID Hardship (only one hardship is necessary)

# in Household	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
80%	\$44,240	\$50,560	\$56,880	\$63,200	\$68,320	\$73,360	\$78,400	\$83,440

To access program, call 269-382-0287



Resources

<https://www.kalamazoocity.org/homehelp>

Customers that wish to schedule a Home Energy Analysis can contact Consumers Energy directly by calling 1-888-316-8014 or online at www.homeanalysis-consumersenergy.com/schedule and selecting promo code Kzoo21.

Fair Housing training link:

Goals for next meeting

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