



Community Cares Partners
COVID-19 Relief Emergency Rental Assistance

WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE

Reporting Waste, Fraud and Abuse

Anyone may file a complaint, regardless of religion, race, immigration or documentation status, or national origin. A person does not have to have been a participant in the program to share a concern of possible fraud, waste, or abuse.

If you are a landlord whose tenant did not use tenant pay funding to pay their rent, please report the incident to the U.S. Department of Treasury [here](#) and contact us with the information at Report@okccp2021.org. Please provide the Case ID (if possible), tenant name, tenant address, and amount unpaid as well as your contact information.

If you are a tenant who has been offered money, a discount or a reward in exchange for your application or has been encouraged to apply using false amounts, dates, and/or documents, please contact us at Report@okccp2021.org. You may contact us anonymously, but please provide the property contact details, names of those involved and details surrounding the incident.

If you have witnessed waste, fraud, or abuse of Emergency Rental Assistance Funding, please contact CCP at Report@okccp2021.org. Please provide your contact details so that we may investigate further. If you are not comfortable providing contact information, please provide as much information as possible when reporting.

FAQ

1. What happens after I report?

If you are a landlord /property manager reporting lack of payment, the report will be noted in our file and the information will be sent to local authorities for investigation. We also encourage you to report to Treasury and local authorities as well.

If you are reporting anonymously, you will receive a follow-up email to acknowledge the information and then we will investigate the situation and take appropriate action.

If you are reporting and providing contact information, we will contact you to gather more information and will investigate to determine the appropriate actions to take.

2. Will I get in trouble for reporting?

No. The goal of gathering information is simply to determine whether someone is still eligible for CCP funding. While bad actors will be turned over to the local authorities for further investigation, we want to protect those who are brave enough to come forward with their story.

Definitions

Waste is defined as the thoughtless or careless expenditure, mismanagement, or abuse of resources to the detriment (or potential detriment) of the U.S. government. Waste also includes incurring unnecessary costs resulting from inefficient or ineffective practices, systems, or controls.

Fraud is defined as the wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain. Fraud includes false representation of fact, making false statements, or by concealment of information.

Abuse is defined as excessive or improper use of a thing, or to use something in a manner contrary to the natural or legal rules for its use. Abuse can occur in financial or non-financial settings.

It is important to note that ERA funding is for EMERGENCY rental assistance related to the Covid-19 Pandemic. It is not general hardship assistance. Landlords and Property Managers should not be presenting assistance to tenants unless they are facing risk of eviction, homelessness or financial hardship rendering them incapable of paying rent. Misrepresentation of funding purpose falls within the waste fraud and abuse category.