

What are U.S. City Governments Doing to Protect Renters?

The main remedies/proposals:

- Emergency Rental Assistance
- Temporary Eviction Moratoriums
- Eviction Bans

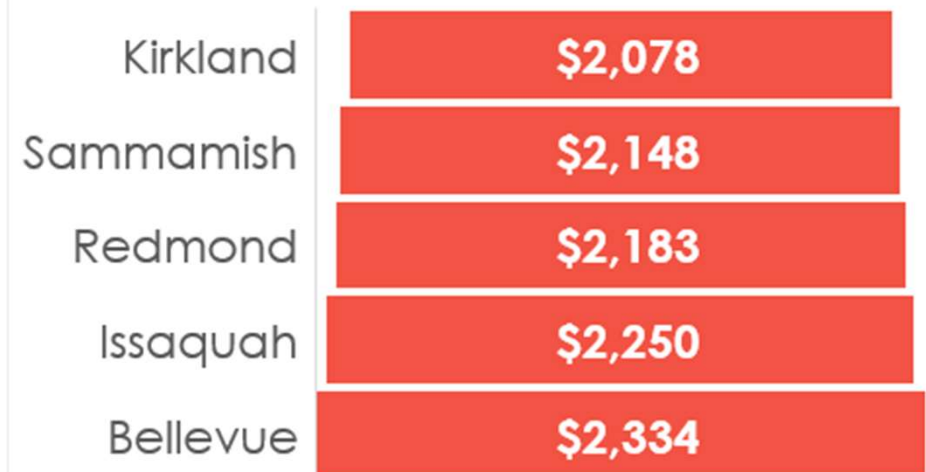
Emergency Rental Assistance Funds

- Enhanced unemployment ends 7/31
- Undocumented families aren't eligible for unemployment benefits

Local funds are insufficient for needs that may extend several months, if not more.

Hopelink's rental assistance program offers up to \$1,400 to a household in a 12-month period.

2020 Average Monthly Rents



Temporary Eviction Moratoriums

- Debt continues to mount
- Language around "reasonable payment plans" is vague and eviction risk remains high
- Many predict "eviction tsunami" when moratoriums lift

Where will families go?

Ban on Evictions Due to Nonpayment of Rent that Became Due During the Local Emergency

[Model Ordinance](#) from King County Bar Association:

“You may not be evicted for rent that became due during the Civil Emergency if the rent was unpaid because of a substantial reduction in household income or a substantial increase in expenses related to the Coronavirus pandemic. This does not relieve you of the obligation to pay back rent in the future. ”

Upcoming Events

June 9, 6:00 PM - Town Hall

Sponsored by Imagine Housing Tenants Union to address concerns of Imagine Housing tenants. Contact Helena Benedict (helenab@tenantsunion.org) for the link or more details.

June 16, 4:00-5:30 PM - Tenant Rights with ELAP

Shane Woerner, ELAP's Kirkland Housing Attorney, presents info about tenant rights, and offers guidance on how to protect yourself as a tenant.

www.elap.org/webinars/

June 17, 4:00-5:00 PM - Eastside Renters in Crisis: Part Two

A follow up to today's event with updates on housing protections from cities, King County, and the State.

Learn more about Eastside For All

Website: **EastsideForAll.org**

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Transforming East King County into a place where racial, economic, and social justice is made possible for communities of color.



Thank you to our community speakers!

And to our co-sponsors & partners:

- Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP)
- 4Tomorrow
- Safe Haven
- Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition (ERIC)
- Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition
- Tenants Union of WA
- Washington Community Action Network (CAN)

