

New Mexico State Courts

Eviction Prevention and Diversion Program

What is the Eviction Prevention and Diversion Program (EPD)?

EPD is a program available to New Mexico households who need help paying for rent, utilities, or relocation assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. EPD is a program for both Landlord/Tenant and Mobile Home Park cases involving non-payment of rent. EPD navigators and facilitators work to get financial assistance to landlords and tenants to preserve a defendant's tenancy, prevent eviction, and compensate the owner, landlord, or management.

What kind of help is available?

- Rent and utilities, including back rent.
- Three months of future rent, with the possibility of additional future rent.
- Moving costs, should an eviction occur.
- Dedicated aid in rental assistance application, documentation, and submission.
- Assistance ensuring the right documents are filed with the Court.

Who can participate in the program?

Parties to Landlord/Tenant and Mobile Home cases involving nonpayment of rent:

- (1) stayed because of the pandemic; or
- (2) new cases

When does EPD start?

If you live in the 9th Judicial District (Curry & Roosevelt Counties), EPD begins on February 1, 2022. EPD expands to the rest of New Mexico in March.

How much does it cost to participate in the program?

The program is free. There are no fees for EPD pre-facilitation, facilitation, or post-facilitation services.

How does the program work?

Both parties must agree to participation in the program. Once both parties agree, the court case will be put on hold for a minimum of 60 days to allow time rental assistance application and payment and facilitation of an out-of-court settlement.

What if the parties don't agree to use EPD or cannot reach a settlement during the extended 60-day period?

The court will continue with the eviction proceeding.

Will EDP be in-person or remote?

EPD will operate remotely. Court hearings may be in-person or remote.

Contact Information

Contact the Eviction Prevention and Diversion Program via the contact information below with questions about rescheduling, technological requirements and resources, government rental assistance applications, getting other state benefits, and what to expect in the pre-facilitation, facilitation, and post-facilitation processes.

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