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**Eviction Rent Assistance Program Now Available through King County**

**Maple Valley, Wash. – October 15, 2020** – The City of Maple Valley would like to make this assistance program known to local residents. The **Eviction Rent Assistance Program (ERAP) Grant** is part of Washington State’s response to the COVID-19 disaster. The program intends to prevent evictions that would contribute to the spread of the virus by paying past due, current due and future rent.

The ERAP is targeting limited resources to those with the greatest needs while working to distribute funds equitably. The program end date is **December 31, 2020**. *Note: The Commerce Department does not provide this assistance directly to the public. Rental assistance is provided through local housing providers in our community which would be King County.*

For more information on this program visit the following website links below or contact King County at [CommerceRGrant@kingcounty.gov](mailto:CommerceRGrant@kingcounty.gov)

**King County Eviction Prevention and Rent Assistance Program**

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/COVID/eviction-prevention-rent-assistance.aspx>

**Eviction Rent Assistance Program (ERAP) Grant** (Washington State Department of Commerce)

[www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness)

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