

Legislative Audit Bureau: Announces the release of Emergency Rental Assistance and Emergency Solutions Grant programs (report 22-3).

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The Department of Administration (DOA) administers the Emergency Rental Assistance program and Emergency Solutions Grant program to provide housing assistance and emergency shelter assistance to individuals in need. The Emergency Rental Assistance program provided \$64.0 million in benefits for 15,968 households from March 2021 through September 2021. In July 2020, DOA was awarded \$32.5 million in supplemental federal funds for the Emergency Solutions Grant program, and these funds were used to serve 19,013 individuals from 12,001 households from July 2020 through December 2021. We make recommendations for DOA to improve how it administers the Emergency Rental Assistance program, including by improving the program's application process, modifying the process for prioritizing applications for program benefits, and improving how it monitors the program. We also make recommendations for DOA to improve how it monitors the Emergency Solutions Grant program.

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