

City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency



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BURA BOARD MEETING

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Agenda

I. Roll Call

II. Action on minutes of meeting of July 22, 2021

III. BURA Fiscal Update Report (Information) – Tracy Cooley

- Financial Control of Agencies Financial Update

IV. Rent Assistance/Eviction Prevention Program(Action) – Malika Lee

- ERAP 2

V. HUD OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL GRANT (Action) – Christine Marino

- HUD Lead Grant Funded Business Consultant to Increase Local Contractor Capacity to Support Housing Rehab Activities

VI. Operations Update (Information) – Jenna Bichler

- Communications Update

VII. Program Update (Information) – Leslie Vishwanath

VII. Adjournment

FISCAL UPDATE REPORT

Financial Control of Agencies Financial Updates

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Rent Assistance/Eviction Prevention Program

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AGENCY UPDATES

Operations and Communications Update

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Staff Congratulations and Welcome

Jermaine Jackson
Pamela Jackson
Ronald Dixon

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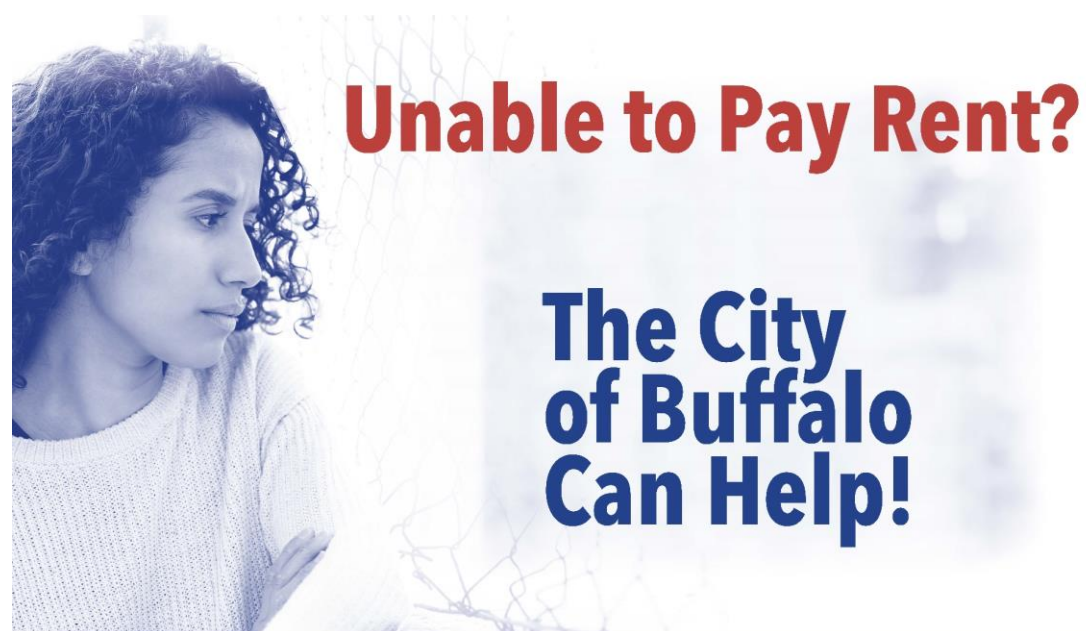
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Program Updates

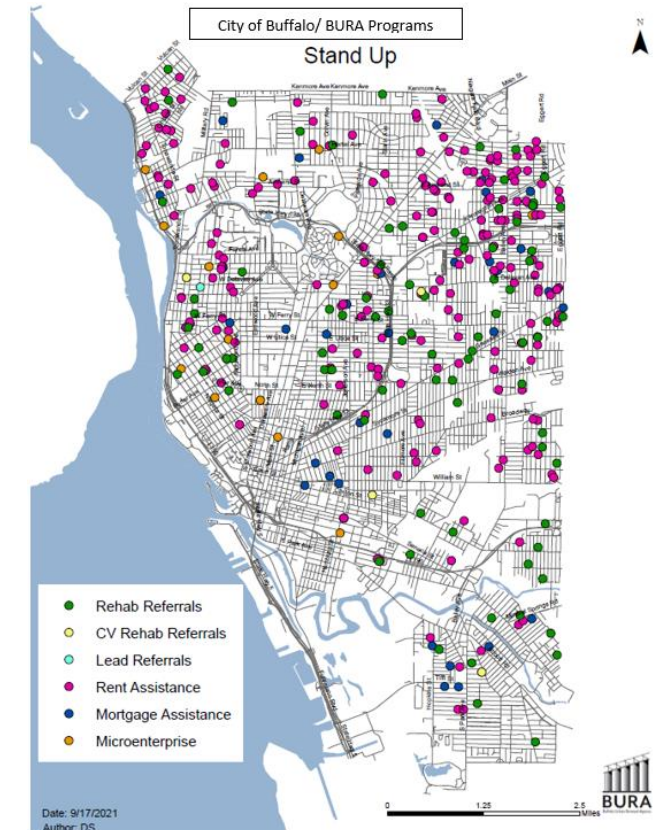
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Stand Up Program

- **219** Rent Assistance applications approved for funding assistance under CDBG-CV Eviction Prevention since 2/1/2021 totaling **\$677,970.63**, as of 9/17/21
- Microenterprise Assistance Grants since 2/1/2021
 - **17** Microenterprises submitted all necessary application documents and recommended for funding totaling **\$159,053**
- **39** Homeowners Counseled under Foreclosure Prevention since 1/1/2021
- Housing Rehab (CDBG, CDBG-CV, HOME, Lead Grant) Activity since 11/1/2020
 - 105 new applications submitted to Rehab Program Administrator by CBOs
 - 83 bid packages sent out
 - 74 new files set up in IDIS/ funds encumbered
 - 76 loan closings conducted for loans totaling **\$1,680,000**
 - 89 projects started construction
 - 92 projects completed construction

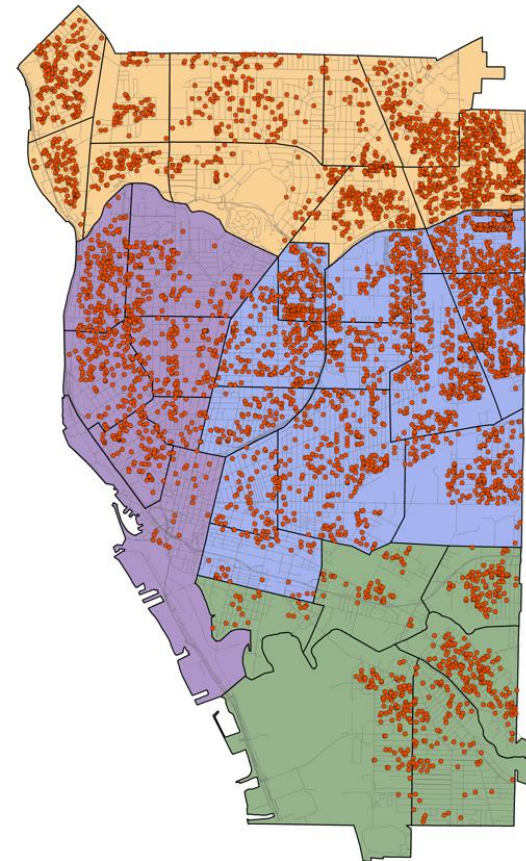




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Treasury/ NYS Rent and Utility Assistance Partnership

- City of Buffalo applications submitted under the eviction prevention program partnership with OTDA Emergency Rent Assistance Program since 6/1/2021
 - As of September 2021, there were 7,617 City of Buffalo applicants with \$69,017,486 in arrears - an average of \$9,060 per applicant. This covers 19 months, so the monthly average per applicant is \$477
 - State launched over income tenant program and new landlord program pending
 - Buffalo continues to outpace all other participating jurisdictions which I credit to our ongoing robust innovative outreach efforts and cross departmental collaborations and new partnerships



	Application rates	
	Applications	Rate
Program total	195,118	5.6%
Buffalo City	6,226	9.6%
New York City	151,596	6.9%
Niagara County	1,844	6.9%
Brookhaven Town	2,021	6.0%
Albany County	2,755	5.1%
Oneida County	1,374	4.8%
Orange County	2,088	4.7%
Rockland County	1,507	4.7%
Babylon Town	734	4.3%
Huntington Town	367	4.2%
Dutchess County	1,294	3.5%
Erie County	2,656	3.5%



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On the Horizon:

- Reprogram CDBG-CV balances to fund updated programs
 - Working with Capital Access
 - Final programs pending review before re-launching but the CV portfolio will support business and residents with covid resilience and covid response funding
- Digitizing more systems and programs

Thank you!
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October 28th, 2021

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