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## **Housing is Key: COVID-19 Rent Relief Program**

California's eviction moratorium is currently set to expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The good news is that, beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, applications reopened for residents of the City of Los Angeles to receive assistance through the state's COVID-19 Rent Relief program, [Housing is Key](#). The program could help far more people than the rental assistance program the city offered earlier this year, which stopped taking applications at the end of April. Residents with applications in process may also be temporarily protected from eviction beyond September 30.

The California COVID-19 Rent Relief program is available to all California residents and covers 100% of a tenant's past-due rent dating back to April 2020, and unpaid utility bills dating back to April 2020. The program also pays for up to three months of upcoming rent.

To be eligible, a household must be obligated to pay rent on a residential dwelling and meet the following requirements:

1. Resident of the State of California, regardless of immigration status.
2. One or more individuals within the household have qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship, directly or indirectly, due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
3. The household income is at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI), which is approximately \$66,250 for one person.

### **Applications can be found here:**

- *City of Los Angeles:* <https://housing.ca.gov/> (new applications) or <https://hcidla.lacity.org/> (some previous applications)
  - City of LA residents who have already applied and have an approved or in-process application should look up their application [status](#). They can apply for additional assistance through the [State](#) after they have received assistance from the City.
  - Applicants who applied previously but were not approved can now apply through the [State](#).
  - Applicants who have already been paid through the City can apply to the [State](#) for additional assistance.
  - New applicants must apply through the [State](#).
- *City of Long Beach:* <https://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/hn/emergency-rental-assistance-program/>

- *City of Santa Clarita:* <https://www.santa-clarita.com/city-hall/departments/covid-19-rental-assistance-program> or <https://housing.ca.gov/>
- *All Other Cities and Unincorporated Areas in Los Angeles County:* <https://housing.ca.gov/>

**Required paperwork includes:**

Renters (assistance through this program DOES NOT qualify as income)

**ONE** of the following:

- Your 2020 Tax Return
- 2020 W2 and 1099G if you were unemployed
- Current pay stubs
- Proof of participation in a state or federal subsidy program such as CalFresh or CalWORKS (your 2020 or 2021 acceptance or renewal letter is preferred).
- If applying for utilities:* utility invoices or statements for any unpaid utility, water, trash, and internet bills after April 1, 2020.

Landlords (assistance through this program DOES qualify as income)

**ALL** of the following:

- Lease or rental agreement reflecting renter's name, residence address, and monthly rent due
- Rent ledger or rent statement showing the balance of unpaid rent from April 1, 2020
- W-8 or W-9 (for tax purposes)

*\*\*Applicants might be required to provide additional documentation including a form of ID, lease agreement, eviction notice, etc. Applicants must have all documentation ready before they begin the application\*\**

**Additional links:**

- For City of Los Angeles Upcoming Webinars on how to apply, register [here](#).
- To look up the status of a current City of Los Angeles ERAP application, check [here](#).
- For questions or additional assistance applying through the State, contact one of the organizations in the [Los Angeles County Local Partner Network](#).