



# MONTEREY COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

## ARE YOU BEHIND ON RENT AND UTILITY PAYMENTS?

If you have lost income due to the impact of COVID-19 on our community, you may be eligible for rent and utility assistance.

In collaboration with the County of Monterey, United Way Monterey County is providing financial assistance to eligible tenants who are experiencing unemployment and loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Tenants living within the County of Monterey, regardless of immigration status
  - Income loss must be related to COVID-19
  - Tenants may have formal or informal lease arrangements
  - At or below 80% Area Median Income of Monterey County
- \*Program will prioritize funding for low-income tenants (at or below 50% AMI), as well as those who are at immediate risk of homelessness, or have rental arrears

Household	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People
80% AMI	\$54,250	\$62,000	\$69,750	\$77,500	\$83,700	\$89,900
50% AMI*	\$33,950	\$38,800	\$43,650	\$48,450	\$52,350	\$52,650

### WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM LIMITATIONS?

- Rent plus utilities assistance not to exceed 12 months of assistance per tenant
- Only 3 months may be future rent payments
- Rent arrears must be paid before future payments

### REQUIRED PAPERWORK

Applicants must provide the following information to apply:

- Documentation of housing or financial instability resulting from loss or reduction in income due to COVID-19
- Proof of income eligibility (2020 tax return, recent paystub, W-2, bank statement, unemployment award/benefit, hour reduction notice from employer)
- Government-issued ID (from any country) that includes a photo, name, and birthday for the head of household
- Rent due notices

### HOW CAN I APPLY?

Monterey County residents have two options to apply:

1. Fill out the application at [www.MCRentHelp.com](http://www.MCRentHelp.com)
2. Call 211 Monterey County by dialing 211. Call Specialists will determine your eligibility for assistance



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The purpose of the **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)** is to keep people housed and prevent homelessness.

The current moratorium prevents landlords from evicting tenants who can't afford to pay rent; however, tenants will eventually have to pay what they owe. This program will help offset the money that is still owed, and help landlords pay their mortgage.

## WHAT CAN THE ASSISTANCE BE USED FOR?

- Past due rent owed or past due utility bills going back to March 18, 2020
- Up to 3 months of future rent and utility payments

## WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM LIMITATIONS?

- Rental assistance will be paid directly to the landlord
- Landlords must accept 80% of total payment that is due. Tenant is not required to pay the additional 20% if the landlord agrees to participate in the program. If the landlord refuses to comply, the agency may only pay 25% of total rent due
- Rent plus utilities assistance cannot to exceed 12 months of assistance per tenant
- Of the 12 months, only 3 months may be future rent payments
- Rent arrears must be paid before future payments

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Landlords must provide the following documentation:

- Identification
- Signed form indicating property owner will accept 80% of rent as full payment
- W9 and contact information for rent payment

## HOW CAN I GET MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE PROGRAM?

For more information about the program, including requirements for landlords, eligibility criteria for tenants, and the application process, visit [www.unitedwaymcca.org/county-rent-and-utility](http://www.unitedwaymcca.org/county-rent-and-utility)