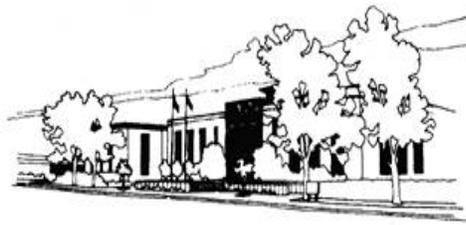


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City Creates New Emergency Rental Assistance Program for Qualifying Residential Tenants Financially Impacted by COVID-19

SAN LEANDRO, CA - The City of San Leandro today announced a new rental assistance program that will help provide relief to qualified residential tenants financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as unanimously approved by the City Council in June 2020.

The program is being funded with \$451,972 in one-time Community Development Block Grant federal stimulus funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 under the CARES Act approved by Congress and the President earlier this spring.

"It is critical that we continue to support residential renters in our city as we navigate through the unprecedented financial impacts of the pandemic," said Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter. "This program will provide safety net assistance for residents and families in San Leandro. I applaud City staff for working expeditiously on finalizing this grant program."

The San Leandro Emergency Rental Assistance Program will provide rental assistance payments for up to three months on behalf of qualifying San Leandro renters who have lost income due to COVID-19 and meet federal low-income requirements. For example, in 2020, a one person renter household earning \$73,100, a 2-person household earning \$83,550, and a 3 person household earning \$94,000 would qualify. The monthly assistance payments will be provided directly to property owners or managers on behalf of qualifying residents and will be applicable to rent due after March 16, 2020, when the Alameda County Shelter-In-Place Order took effect.

Residential tenant applicants are required to submit documentation confirming proof of tenancy and financial hardship resulting from COVID-19, including but not limited to one of the following: loss of or reduction in employment or wages, increased medical or childcare costs, or loss of childcare. All documentation and rental and lease agreements are subject to verification.

The program is being administered by Centro Legal de la Raza, a non-profit legal services provider. All Rental Assistance Program details, including eligibility requirements, application materials and submittal deadlines are available on Centro Legal de la Raza's website at: <http://www.centrolegal.org/rental-assistance/> or on the City of San Leandro's website at: <https://www.sanleandro.org/depts/cd/housing/default.asp>. The online application will be available on the Centro Legal website starting Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Please contact Centro Legal or City staff for a hard copy application if you do not have access to a computer or for information on where to find a program application. The deadline to apply for the Rental Assistance Program is September 30, 2020. Hard copy applications will be accepted with postmarks up until the application deadline. Funding is limited, and applications will be prioritized based on need and severity of COVID-19 impact.

For the latest information on COVID-19, with details on all that the City of San Leandro is doing to keep our residents safe, visit: <https://www.sanleandro.org> and follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Nextdoor](#).

The City of San Leandro is one of the most diverse cities in the nation located at the center of the dynamic San Francisco Bay Area. With a vibrant community of more than 89,000 residents, San Leandro is proud of its well-maintained neighborhoods, excellent public libraries, twenty-one public parks, quality local schools, and a wide range of shopping, dining, and entertainment options. The City also encompasses a large industrial area that is home to a thriving advanced manufacturing industry. For more information on the City, please visit sanleandro.org.