



Presentation to Santa Barbara Rental Property Association on New County Emergency Rental Assistance Program

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Emergency Rental Assistance (ERAP)

The County received \$13.3 million in federal 2021 Appropriations Act funds from the U.S. Treasury to provide direct assistance to renter households in the form of:

- Rent and rental arrears;
- utilities and utility arrears;
- other housing stability services, including case management

County assistance offered through the United Way of Santa Barbara County through their on-line application: <https://www.unitedwaysb.org/rent>

Renters with questions, contact the United Way at 805-965-8591, and leave a detailed message, name, phone number and email, or email info@unitedwaysb.org.

All calls and emails are being returned within 72 hours (Monday - Friday)

Guidelines

- ✓ Qualifying renter households – 80% or less Area Median Income, priority 50% Area Median Income
- ✓ Qualifies for unemployment OR has reduction in income, incurred costs, or financial hardship due to COVID-19
- ✓ Demonstrates risk of homelessness or ‘housing instability’, such as past due rent, utility notices, eviction notices, etc.
- ✓ Arrears accrued after March 2020.
- ✓ Rental assistance should not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance
- ✓ Households unemployed for 90+days and households at 50%AMI are prioritized for assistance
- ✓ Income based on either CY 2020 annual or monthly at time of application

Assistance

- ❖ 3 months of rental assistance payments, up to \$6,000
- ❖ Utility arrears
- ❖ Families may be able to re-apply for an additional 3-months, up to 15 months total
- ❖ Payments will be made directly to landlords for any arrears for back-rent before any current or future rent.
- ❖ Payments for utility arrearages to utility providers.
- ❖ Does not include move-in assistance, no security deposits, or funds to help move to another unit.
- ❖ **County HCD will follow-up with additional information for SBRPA Members about the State of California's ERAP program, once available.**

Other Available ERAP Programs

❖ City of Goleta – Providing 3 months of rental assistance payments, up to \$5,000

❖ City of Goleta residents only

❖ 80% AMI or below

❖ Demonstrate loss of income related to COVID

See City of Goleta's website for application portal. For questions, contact the County Housing Authority at 805-735-8351 or email Questions@hasbarco.org.

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