



ALAMEDA COUNTY  
HOUSING SECURE

# COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## Program Overview:

On behalf of the County of Alameda, Centro Legal de la Raza is administering an emergency rental assistance program to disburse \$5 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) funds. Funds will be used to provide rental assistance to low-income tenants in unincorporated Alameda County who have lost work or income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The application period opens on November 17, 2020 and will remain open until funds are exhausted or December 28, 2020, whichever comes sooner. Approved households can receive past due rent of up to 9 months or up to \$18,000, whichever is less.

## Application Process:

The program is managed by the Alameda County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Centro Legal de la Raza and the Alameda County Department of Social Services will disburse funds to eligible applicants. Tenants can apply for rental assistance through Centro Legal de la Raza at <https://www.centrolegal.org/rental-assistance/>. To request a paper application please email [tenantsrights@centrolegal.org](mailto:tenantsrights@centrolegal.org) or call (510) 422-5669.

## Eligibility:

To qualify for a grant, applicants must meet the minimum eligibility criteria below. Submitting an application does not guarantee financial assistance. Application approval requires that each program requirement be met and verifiable supporting documentation provided.

- Tenant in unincorporated Alameda County: **Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairmont, Fairview, Hayward Acres, San Lorenzo, & Sunol.**
- Behind on rent for any time period between **March 1, 2020 - December 30, 2020** because of a **documented 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.
- Must **not have received assistance from another rental assistance program** for the same month(s).
- Total household **income cannot exceed 80%** of the Area Median Income (AMI)

Low-income (80%) limits:

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| HH Size | 1 Person | 2 Person | 3 Person | 4 Person | 5 Person | 6 Person | 7 person |
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| Max HH Income | \$73,100 | \$83,550 | \$94,000 | \$104,400 | \$112,800 | \$121,150 | \$129,500 |
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**Required Documentation:**

*Tenant:*

- ID:** Government issued photo ID.
- Rental Agreement:** Current residential rental agreement or proof of tenancy in unincorporated Alameda County.
- COVID-19 Related Hardship:** Documentation of COVID-19 related financial hardship, including but not limited to a termination notice, layoff notice, pay stubs, bank statements, medical bills, unemployment award letter, signed letter from employer, or self-reported declaration explaining changed financial circumstances.

*Landlord:*

- W-9:** Signed and completed W-9.
- Affidavit:** Signed affidavit (1) affirming that the landlord has not and will not receive duplicate payment from any other rental or mortgage assistance program; (2) affirming that the landlord will not evict the tenant for nonpayment of rent accrued during the months of March 1, 2020 - December 30, 2020; and (3) providing basic demographic data.

*Note: Additional documentation may be required on a case-by-case basis.*

**Selection Process:**

Funding is limited, and applications will be prioritized based on need, severity of COVID-19 impact, and funding availability. Grants will be disbursed directly to the Landlord.

**Moratorium on Evictions:**

The County of Alameda’s Moratorium on Evictions remains in place until 60 days after the county public health emergency order is lifted. Under the County’s Moratorium, Unpaid rents accrued during the moratorium period will become a “consumer debt,” but cannot be the basis of an eviction. For more information visit the HCD’s website at: <https://www.acgov.org/cda/hcd/>.



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