



DO YOU NEED HELP PAYING RENT?

Apply before September 30, 2021

1. APPLY NOW

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MAY BE PROTECTED FROM EVICTION DUE TO NON-PAYMENT THROUGH MARCH 2022.

2. SIGN THE DECLARATION

ONCE SIGNED, GIVE YOUR LANDLORD A COPY OF THE SIGNED DECLARATION .

3. PAY AT LEAST 25%

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO PAY A MINIMUM OF 25% OF THE BACK RENT OWED BETWEEN SEPT. 2020 & SEPT. 2021, YOU WILL RECEIVE COMPLETE PROTECTION FROM EVICTION FOR UNPAID RENT BETWEEN MAR 2020 AND SEPT. 30, 2021.

4. STAY CALM & CALL US

SHOULD YOU RECEIVE AN EVICTION NOTICE AFTER OCT. 1, REMAIN CALM AND CALL US FOR HELP.

Website: www.HousingIsKey.com

Text the word "Rent" to 211-211

Watsonville:

Community Action Board: 831-778-4535

Families in Transition: 831-740-2947

La Manzana Community Resources:
831-724-2997 x208

Mid and North County:

Live Oak Community Resources:
831-476-7284

Mountain Community Resources:
831-335-6600

Nueva Vista Community Resources:
831-423-5747

Countywide Hotline: 831-316-3222



COMMUNITY BRIDGES
PUENTES DE LA COMUNIDAD



REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Identity through one of the following:

- Government issued birth certificate, driver's license, or identification card.
- Employment identification card.
- Marriage license/certificate or certified divorce decree.
- Current school records documenting a student's status as full-time at a degree or certificate granting institution. (Only for household members 18 years and older)

Verification of income through one of the following:

- IRS Tax forms such as 1099, 1040/1040A or Schedule C of 1040 showing amount earned and employment period or most recent federal income tax statements
- W-2 form, if you have had the same employer for at least two years and increases can be accurately projected
- Most recent paycheck stubs (consecutive: six for weekly pay, three for bi-weekly or semi-monthly pay, two for monthly pay)
- Employer-generated salary report or letter stating current annual income.
- Earnings statements.
- Current bank statements.
- 2020 or 2021 recertification letter that show your name and address from an assistance program such as (1) Medi-Cal, (2) WIC, (3) SNAP/CalFresh, (4) CalWORKs, (5) School Nutrition Programs, (6) Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- [Certification of Zero Income Form](#)

Verification of tenancy through one of the following:

- Lease agreement (expired is OK)
- Month-to-month rent agreement
- Rent due statement/letter from the landlord or management company
- Eviction Notice, including 15-day, 3-day or other payment notice (must include amount of rent outstanding)
- Other formal attempt to collect rents or notify tenants of rents due
- Written claim of rents due (email, letter, text message, etc.)
- Official letter from third party showing name and address
- Government issued library card
- Utility statements from providers

Verification of rent and/or utilities owed through one of the following:

- A current lease signed by the applicant and landlord or sub-lessor that identifies the unit where the applicant resides and shows the rental payment amount
- Bank statement, check stub or other proof that shows a pattern of paying rent
- Written confirmation by a landlord who can be verified as the actual owner or management agent of where you rent
- Utility payments through a bill showing past or current amount due.

Date: _____

A letter to the Landlord:

Dear _____

I want you (the landlord) to know that I have applied for rental assistance through the Housing is Key program because I was unable to pay my rent due to COVID-19 related financial distress.

I am aware that I am protected from eviction because:

- I signed the Declaration AND
- I paid at least 25% of my rent due since September 2020 OR
- I applied for emergency rental assistance and am awaiting payment.

I am also aware that if you pursue an unlawful detainer from the Santa Cruz County Court, the court will not issue an unlawful detainer unless you can demonstrate that neither you nor I have applied or that we are ineligible for the Housing is Key Rental Assistance program, The court will only provide an unlawful detainer if neither you nor I qualify for the rental assistance program.

I will communicate with you about the progress of my rental assistance application and hope payment will arrive very soon.

Sincerely, _____

DECLARATION OF COVID-19-RELATED FINANCIAL DISTRESS

Code of Civil Procedure Section 1179.02(d)

I am currently unable to pay my rent or other financial obligations under the lease in full because of one or more of the following:

1. Loss of income caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Increased out-of-pocket expenses directly related to performing essential work during the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Increased expenses directly related to health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. Childcare responsibilities or responsibilities to care for an elderly, disabled, or sick family member directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic that limit my ability to earn income.
5. Increased costs for childcare or attending to an elderly, disabled, or sick family member directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
6. Other circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic that have reduced my income or increased my expenses.

Any public assistance, including unemployment insurance, pandemic unemployment assistance, state disability insurance (SDI), or paid family leave, that I have received since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic does not fully make up for my loss of income and/or increased expenses.

Signed under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Signature

Dated

For information about legal resources that may be available to you, visit <https://lawhelpca.org/>.

For information, resources, and support visit <http://housingiskey.com> or by calling 1-833-422-4255.

DELIVERY OF DECLARATION OF COVID-19-RELATED FINANCIAL DISTRESS

Code of Civil Procedure Section 1179.03(f)

Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1179.03(f), a tenant may deliver the declaration of COVID-19-related financial distress to the landlord by any of the following methods:

- (1) In person, if the landlord indicates in the notice an address at which the declaration may be delivered in person.
- (2) By electronic transmission, if the landlord indicates an email address in the notice to which the declaration may be delivered.
- (3) Through United States mail to the address indicated by the landlord in the notice. If the landlord does not provide an address pursuant to subparagraph (1), then it shall be conclusively presumed that upon the mailing of the declaration by the tenant to the address provided by the landlord, the declaration is deemed received by the landlord on the date posted, if the tenant can show proof of mailing to the address provided by the landlord.
- (4) Through any of the same methods that the tenant can use to deliver the payment pursuant to the notice if delivery of the declaration by that method is possible.