



FactSheet



Emergency Rental Assistance Program

- **What:** \$20 million program to help residents and landlords amid the coronavirus crisis; second phase of city program launched mid-2020
 - *See Emergency Rental Assistance Program Phase I below*
- **How:** eligible applicants can receive up to 80 percent of total unpaid rent from April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021
- **Eviction protections:** renters are able to defer rent under the state's eviction moratorium through June 30, 2021
- **Landlord, renter assistance:**
 - If landlord agrees to forgive 20 percent of unpaid rent, in line with state eviction moratorium, city will grant remaining 80 percent owed by tenant directly to landlord
 - If landlord does not participate, tenant can receive direct grant of 25 percent of outstanding rent due
- **Funding:** Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and state rental assistance money allocated directly to Anaheim; total \$21.6 million
- **Council approval:** Feb. 16, 2021
- **Application period:** March 1-31, 2021
- **How to apply:**
 - Submit online application at Anaheim.net/rentassistance
 - Provide proof of current income
 - Provide proof of rent owed
 - Provide copy of current lease



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- **Who:** Anaheim residents who have reduced income or job loss due to the coronavirus crisis; prioritization based on percent of area median income, or AMI
 - *See Area Median Income below*
 - **First priority:** Household income at or below 50 percent AMI **and** one member of household unemployed for past 90 days or more
 - **Second priority:** Household income at or below 50 percent AMI **or** one member of household unemployed for past 90 days or more
 - **Third priority:** Household income at or below 80 percent AMI
- **Repeat applicants:** residents who received assistance in the first phase of Anaheim's program can reapply for additional aid in second phase
- **Future allocation:** after initial round of assistance for rent due, program could expand to assist with ongoing and future rent payments and utilities
- **Area Median Income:** based on 2020 median annual income for Orange County of \$103,000 for a family of four
 - **80 percent AMI:** \$102,450 annual income
 - **50 percent AMI:** \$64,050 annual income
- **Deadlines:**
 - 65 percent of \$11.2 million in state funds must be allocated by June 1, 2021
 - 65 percent of \$10.4 million in federal funds must be allocated by Sept. 31, 2021
 - All funds must be allocated by Dec. 31, 2021
- **Program administration:**
 - **Staffing:** contracts for staffing to assist city in processing applications and awarding funds quickly; funded by portion of state, federal allocation permitted for administration costs
 - **\$1 million:** contract with Protiviti Government Services for staffing; company used by city of Los Angeles rental assistance program
 - **\$600,000:** increased contract with Comprehensive Housing Services Inc. for continued assistance with program administration
 - **Streamlined process:** improvements and reduced requirements to make program more accessible to renters
 - **City hotline:** providing added help for applicants



Emergency Rental Assistance Program: Phase I

- **What:** \$5 million program for residents struggling amid the coronavirus crisis to pay back rent deferred under Anaheim's eviction moratorium, or state and federal eviction protections
- **Approved:** May 5, 2020, additional funds added Aug. 11, 2020, by Anaheim's City Council as part of the Anaheim Community and Economic Recovery Plan
- **Funding:** federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, money allocated under the Anaheim Community and Economic Recovery Plan
- **Total assistance given in two rounds:** \$1.4 million
- **Helped:** 736 households
 - **First round:** 463
 - **Second round:** 273
- **Application period:**
 - **First round:** June 1-5, 2020
 - **Second round:** Sept. 30-Oct. 16, 2020
- **Applicants:** 1,446 households
 - **First round:** 894
 - **Second round:** 552
- **Rental assistance:** up to \$2,100 per household
 - **Back rent repayment:** help paying back rent deferred since April 2020
 - **Meeting current rent:** up to three months of help at \$700 a month, or, if lower, the difference between 40 percent of current monthly income and rent
 - **Combination:** help for both current and back rent due, up to \$2,100 per household
- **Who:** Anaheim renters who lost jobs or work hours due to the economic or health impacts of coronavirus and who meet income and rent cost requirements
 - *See income, rent cost limits below*



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- **Income:**
 - Household income of \$102,450 or less for a family of four
 - Household cash, savings and other readily accessible assets of \$10,000 or less

- **Rent cost limits:** less than 120 percent of fair market value rents for Anaheim
 - Studio \$1,875
 - One bedroom \$2,145
 - Two bedroom \$2,660
 - Three bedroom \$3,720
 - Four bedroom \$4,295

- **Not eligible:**
 - Those receiving other government or nonprofit rent assistance
 - Those living in a house or apartment with any form of rent subsidies, such as Anaheim's Housing Choice Voucher Program
 - Those living in temporary housing