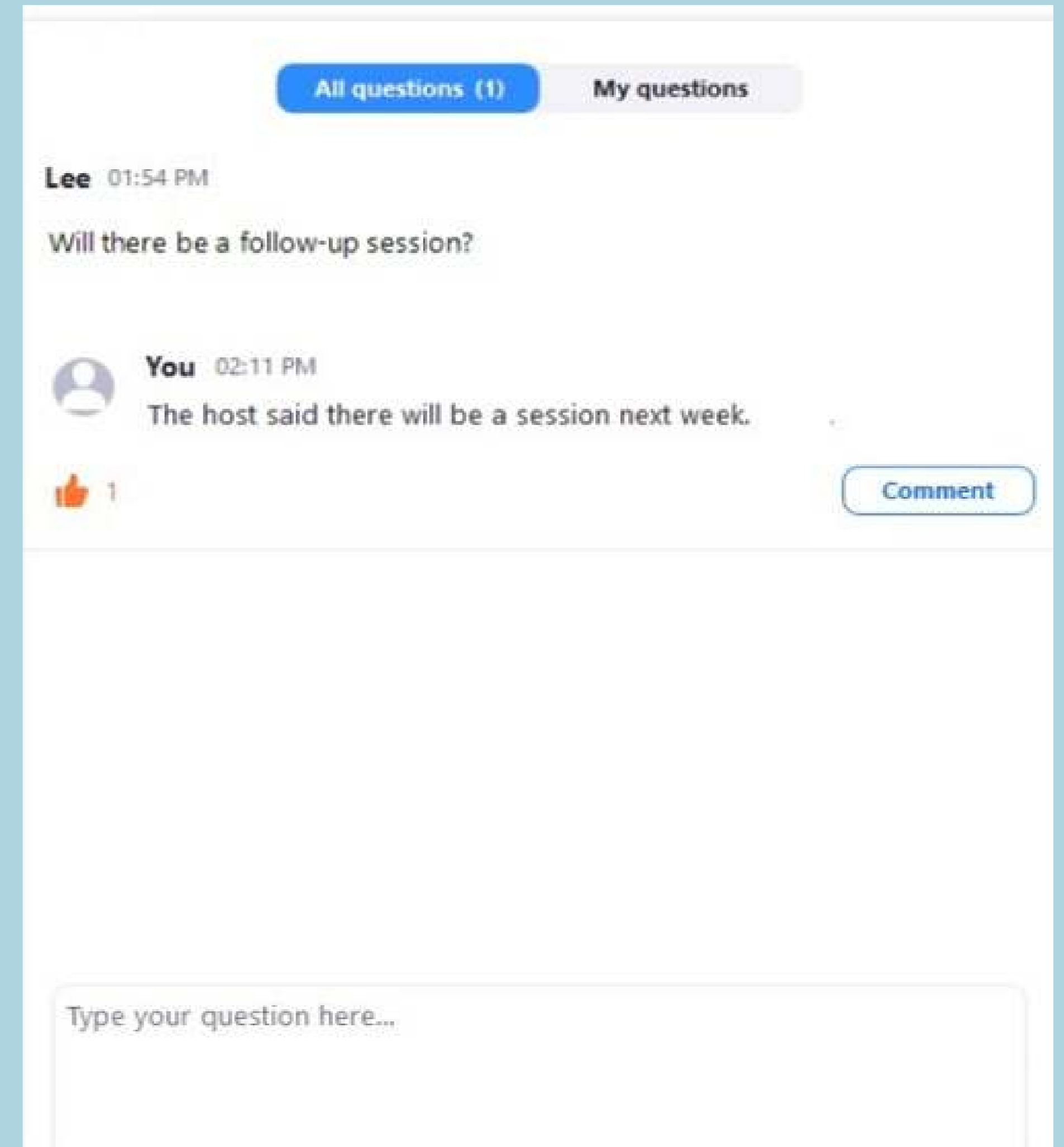


How COVID-19 Rent Relief Funds Can Help Foster Youth Facing the Housing Cliff

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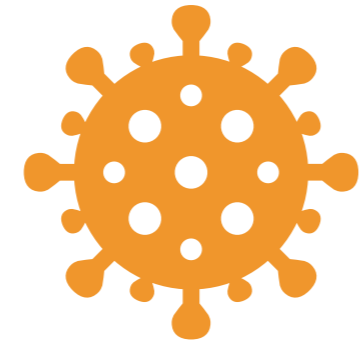
- 1 Information about Foster Youth Facing the "Housing Cliff"
- 2 Background on the COVID-19 Rent Relief Program
- 3 The Housing is Key Application Process
- 4 Tips for a Successful Application
- 5 Important Information about Eviction Protections
- 6 Strategies to Assist Youth
- 7 Question and Answer Session

Background

California enacted policies to protect foster youth during the pandemic



April 17, 2020:
Governor Newsom signed an executive order authorizing youth who turn age 21 to remain in foster care until June 30, 2020.



July 2020:
California's State Legislature extended the time period until June 30, 2021.



July 2021:
California's State Legislature further extended the provision until December 31, 2021.



December 31, 2021:
Approximately 3,500 youth who have elected to remain in foster care after age 21 will no longer be eligible foster care.

ERAP was developed to provide emergency rental and utility assistance during to the pandemic.

The United States Department of the Treasury developed the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

ERAP comprises two separate programs, ERA1 and ERA2.

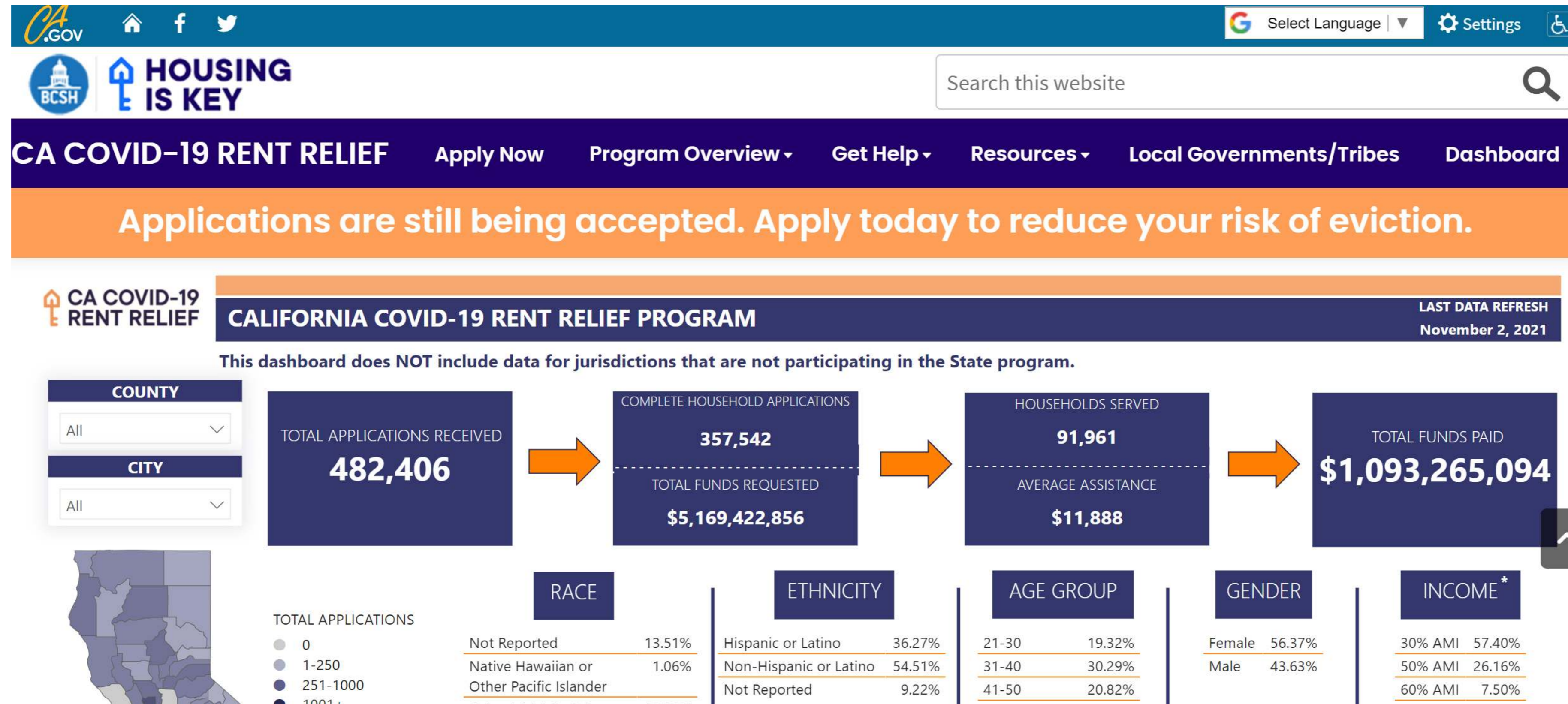
ERAP helps income-eligible households with rent and utilities, both for past due and **future** payments.

Assistance does NOT count as earned income (for renters) and will NOT affect eligibility for any other state benefit assistance programs, such as CalFresh or CalWORKS.

California's State ERAP Program, Housing is Key, is the COVID-19 Rent Relief Program.

- [Senate Bill 91](#) established California's COVID-19 Rent Relief Program.
- The California Department of Housing and Community Development administers the [program](#).
- Applications started on **March 15, 2021 and will continue until funds run out**, with priority assistance given to income-eligible households most at-risk of eviction.

The COVID-19 Rent Relief Program has provided over \$900M in Rental and Utility Assistance.



Check out the latest figures at the [California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program Dashboard](#)

What are the differences between the statewide and local application processes?

What is the Same?

- Eligibility criteria
- Verification requirements
- Available financial assistance
- Case management assistance

What is the Different?

- Website interface
- Wording of questions
- Examples of verification

Who is Eligible?

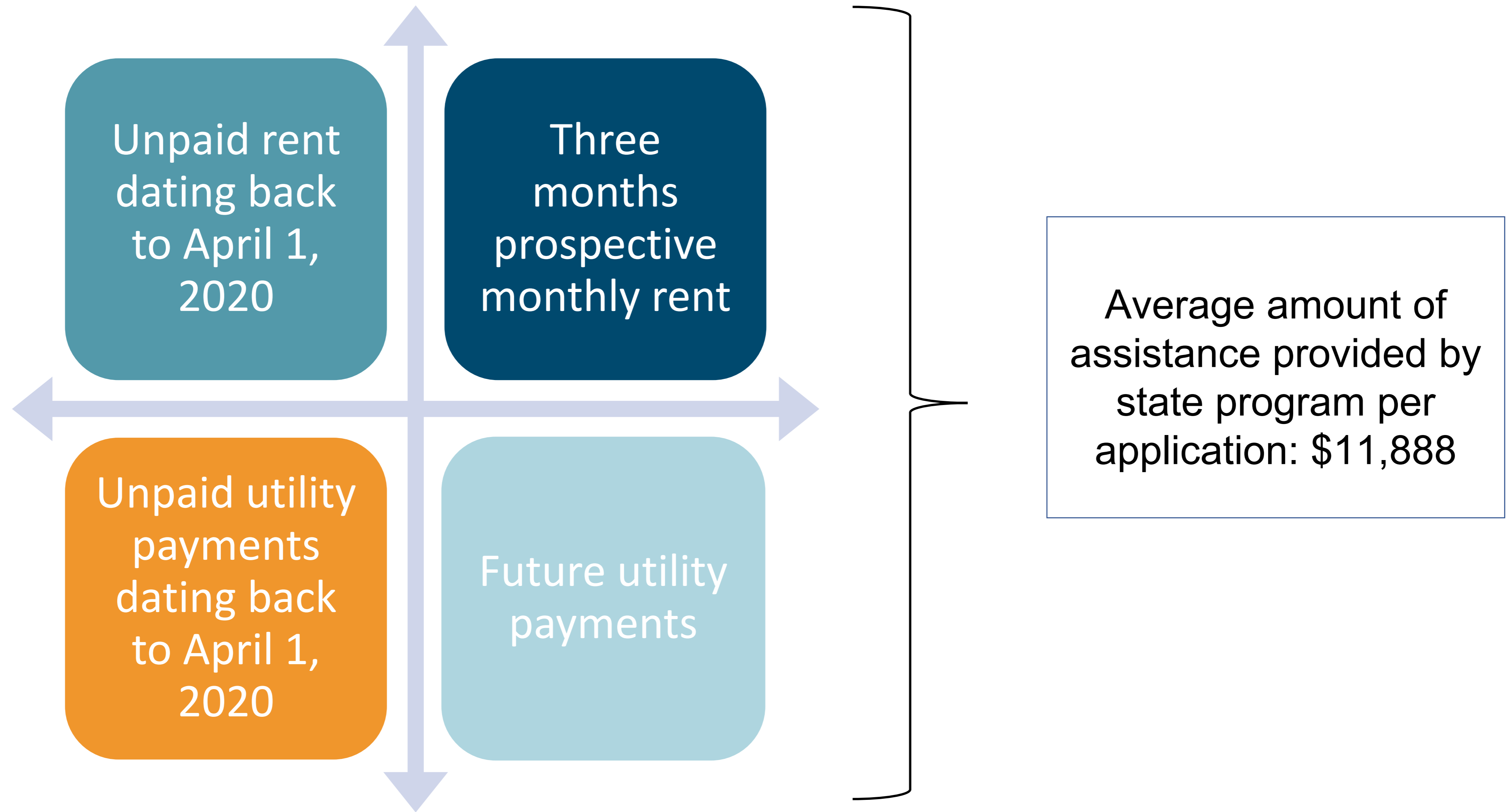
Applicant households must:

- ✓ Be income-eligible (80% of Area Median Income);
- ✓ Be residential renters, regardless of whether they have a formal lease;
- ✓ Have unpaid rent or utilities, or need help with future rent or utilities
- ✓ Have COVID-19-related financial distress

There are no citizenship requirements and participating in the program will not impact immigration status or impede pathways to citizenship.



What assistance is available?



Before we get into the details...a few key takeaways!

Application allows for self-certification of most of the required information

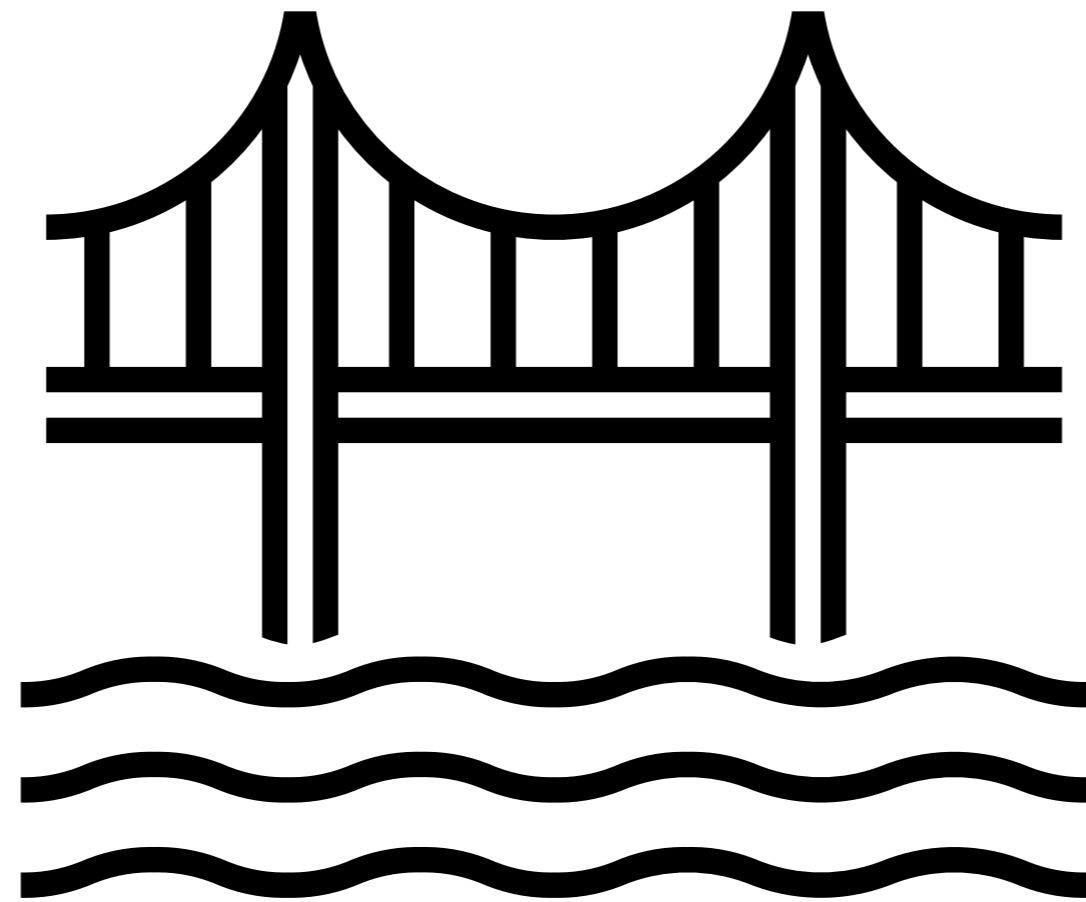
No proof of financial hardship is required for households with annual income below \$100,000

A formal written lease is not required

People at-risk of or experiencing homelessness can apply

COVID-19 Rent Relief Program Can be a Bridge to Stabilize Youth Exiting Foster Care

Extended Foster Care



FYI/FUP

THP-Plus

Dorm

Shared Living

Other Settings

COVID-19 Rent Relief Program Can Help Foster Youth Facing the Housing Cliff...and More!

Relative
Caregivers

Older Former
Foster Youth

Extended
family
members

Homeless
Youth

The Housing is Key Application Process



JOHN BURTON
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For an appointment start by calling (833) 430-2122.

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HOUSING IS KEY | Search this website

Rental Assistance | Eviction Protections | Foreclosure Assistance for Homeowners

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Rental Assistance

- CA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF** | Apply Now | 833-430-2122
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- 加州新冠病毒租房援助** | 現在申請 | 833-430-2122
- 가주 코로나-19 임대료 지원** | 지금 신청 | 833-430-2122
- Chương trình trợ giúp thuê nhà trong đại dịch Covid-19 của California** | Hay nộp đơn ngay | 833-430-2122
- COVID-19 PALUWAGAN SA RENTA SA CA** | Mag-apply Ngayon | 833-430-2122

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Enter an Address to Find a Local or Statewide Program.

Find Out Which Program Serves Your N...

Find address or place

Welcome!

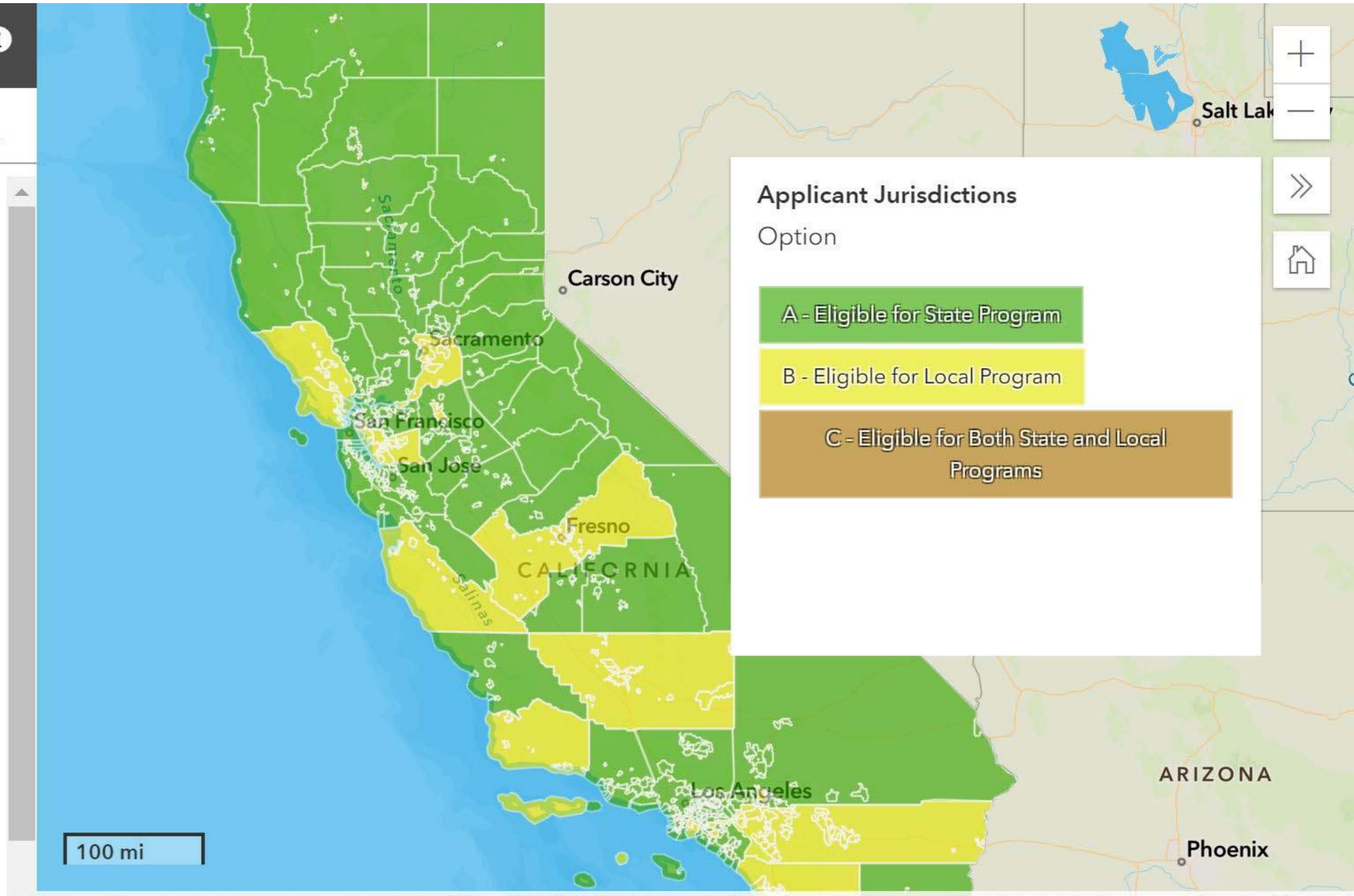
Please enter the address you are applying for rental assistance on in the search box above. If more than one result is listed make sure to select the correct city.

If you don't know the address you can find the location on the map and click within the map.

The map will display a pin at the address and results will include whether to apply with the State of California or to your local jurisdiction.



CA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF



Click on “View” to Link to the Program Application.

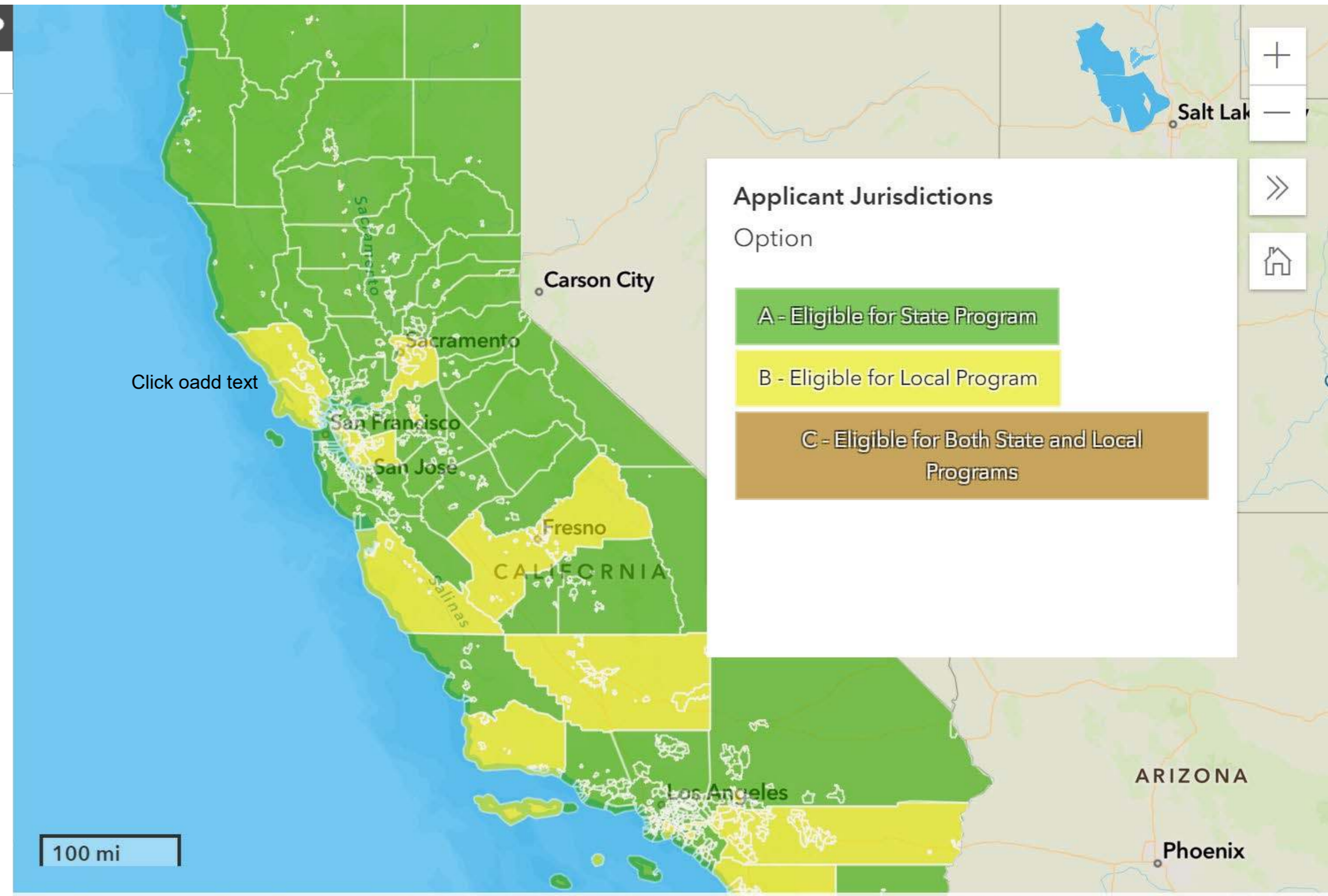
Find Out Which Program Serves Your Neighborhood

94804, Richmond, CA, USA

Applicant Jurisdiction: Contra Costa County

Apply To	State
Link to Program and Application	View
City Name (Proper)	Richmond
County Name	CONTRA COSTA
Option	A

For some jurisdictions, you will have a choice of the state program or a local program.



Answer Three Pre-Application Screening Questions.

QUESTION 1

Are you a landlord or a tenant?

Landlord

Tenant



QUESTION 2

Are you a member of one of the following tribes?

QUESTION 3

Your household income must be at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for your County to qualify.

Property County

- Please Select -



Household Members


- Please Select -



Register to Begin Your Application Account, Verify Your Email, and Sign In.



New users must first **REGISTER** their account before signing in to the portal.

To view this webpage and the application in your preferred language, click the "Register" or "Sign In" tab and select your language by clicking the red button  to the right of the Email

Sign In

Register



Email Address



Re-enter Email Address

First Name

Last Name

Click the Tenant Link to Start a New Application on the Welcome Screen.

CA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF [Home](#)

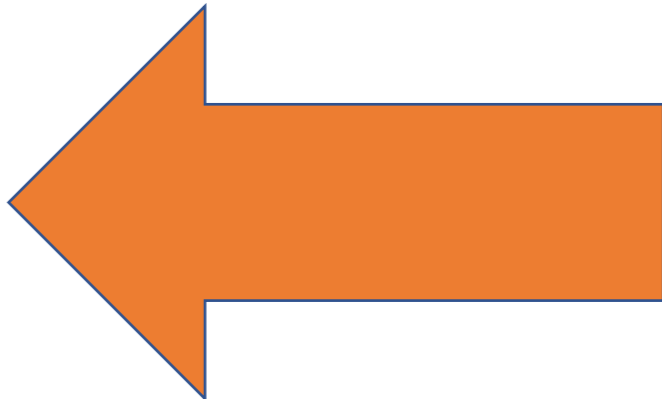
CA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF

WELCOME TO THE CALIFORNIA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF PROGRAM.

The State of California is committed to accessibility for all applicants. If you require this material in an alternate format, have questions about the program, or require help please contact us at (833) 430-2122.

Start a New Application

Tenant: Rent & Utility Assistance	Select this option if you are a TENANT applying for the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief and Utility Assistance Program. This program is designed to provide funds to renters delinquent on rent and utility payments due to COVID-19 impacts.	Click here to start a new application
Landlord: Rental Assistance	Select this option if you are a LANDLORD who owns property in the State of California applying for the CA Covid-19 Rent Relief Program.	Click here to start a new application



Fill Out Each Section of the State Application.

- Program Overview
- A. Eligibility
- B. Applicant Information
- C. COVID-19 Impact
- D. Rent Assistance Requested
- E. Prior Assistance Received
- F. Water & Gas Utility Assistance
- G. Trash & Sewer Assistance
- H. Electric & Other Utility Assistance
- I. Household Members
- J. Income
- K. Supporting Paperwork
- Submit***

A. Eligibility

A. Eligibility

The following questions will help determine whether your household meets basic eligibility for the California Covid-19 Rent Relief program.

A.1. Are you seeking assistance for Rent and/or Utilities for your primary residence located in California?

- Yes
- No

A. Eligibility

A.2. Please identify your county of residence in the following table. Use the columns to identify the number of people in your household. Your income must be below the amount identified for your county for your household size.

Alameda County ▼

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Income 80%	\$76,750.00	\$87,700.00	\$98,650.00	\$109,600.00	\$118,400.00	\$127,150.00	\$13

Based on the number of people in your household, is your household income below the income limit reflected in the table?

- Yes: Continue to Question A.3.
- No: You are not eligible for assistance in the California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program.
- I did not see my county on the table: Continue to Question A.3.

A. Eligibility

A.3. Some Cities and Counties are operating their own local rental assistance program. If you live in one of the cities or counties listed below, you may need to apply to your local program. Use the link provided to access the appropriate state or local program for your City or County. If your city or county is NOT listed below, continue to the next question.

- Alameda County
- Anaheim City
- Bakersfield City
- Chula Vista City
- Fontana City
- Fremont City
- Fresno City
- Fresno County
- Kern County
- Long Beach City
- Marin County
- Monterey County
- Moreno Valley City
- Riverside City
- Riverside County
- Sacramento City
- Sacramento County
- San Bernardino City



Thank you for applying to the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program. You live in a jurisdiction that is administering their own CA COVID-19 Rent Relief funds. You will need to apply with the City of Fremont's program by [CLICKING HERE](#).

A. Eligibility

A.4. Some tribes are operating their own rental assistance program. Tribal members are encouraged to apply through their tribal programs. The below list includes tribes operating a tribal specific program. If your tribe is not listed below, or if you are not a tribal member, you are eligible for the state program and should continue with this application.

I am not a member of a tribal community. 

If you are not in a jurisdiction operating a local program, and if you are not a member of a tribe operating a tribal program, you can complete the following application for assistance through the California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program.

- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- All Mission Indian Housing Authority
- Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria
- Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley
- BIG SANDY RANCHERIA BAND OF WESTERN MONO INDIANS
- Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
- Bishop Paiute Tribe
- Bridgeport Indian Colony
- CAMPO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
- Cedarville Rancheria
- Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
- Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians
- Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians
- ELEM INDIAN COLONY SULPHUR BANK RANCHERIA
- Elk Valley Rancheria California
- Enterprise Rancheria Indian Housing Authority
- Fort Bidwell Indian Community
- Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiute Indian

B: Applicant Information

TENANT INFORMATION

B.1. Tenant First Name:

B.2. Tenant Last Name

B.3. Home Address: [?](#)

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B.4. County: [?](#)

 ▼

B.5. Property Type [?](#)

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- Single-Family Home
- Duplex/Townhome
- Apartment Complex (0-10 units)
- Apartment Complex (11-50 units)
- Apartment Complex (50+ units)
- Mobile Home
- Motor Home
- Accessory Dwelling Unit (Granny Flat)
- Garage Conversion
- Bedroom in an apartment or home
- Hotel/Motel Unit
- Other
- Unhoused or Currently Homeless
- I no longer live at the unit where I am requesting assistance

B: Applicant Information

Are you currently homeless or unhoused?

- Yes
- No

B.6. Rental Agreement [?](#)

- I have a rental agreement with the property owner or manager
- I am subleasing my unit from a tenant and I do not have a direct lease with the property owner.

B.7. Mailing Address (Complete If Different from Home Address)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City CA Zip

B.8. Telephone Number

(555) 555-5555

B.9. E-Mail [?](#)

buzzy@aol.co

B.10. Preferred method of communication [?](#)

Phone

B.11. Primary Language [?](#)

English

B.12. Did you receive assistance from a member of a local partner network? If yes, please select from the dropdown.



A direct lease is not necessary

B: Applicant Information

B.13. Would you like to identify a representative to support you in completing your application?



Yes: I acknowledge that my representative will have access to all information provided in this application, including my personal data and my uploaded documents.

No

If you would like to identify a representative, complete the following information

Representative Name:

Representative Email:

Representative Phone Number:

B.14. How did you hear about us?

B: Applicant Information

B.15. Please select a preferred method of payment.

- ACH Bank Transfer
- Check

B.16. If you selected check, please provide the mailing address to receive the check. (NOTE: any payment from the Program will be mailed to this address).

Test Bank		
Address Line 2		
Test	CA ▾	94610

C: COVID-19 Impact

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C.1. Has anyone in the household experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

No

C: COVID-19 Impact

C.2. Please check the conditions that apply to anyone in your household related to the COVID-19 pandemic (check all that apply):

- Currently unemployed for 90 days or more
 - Laid off-Receiving unemployment assistance.
 - Laid off-Not receiving unemployment assistance
 - Place of employment has closed
 - Reduction in hours of work
 - Reduction in Available Work
 - Reduced Pay
-

C: COVID-19 Impact (continued)

- Must stay home to care for child/children due to closure of daycare or school
- Are self-employed, and their business is no longer supplying them with income or such income has been reduced.
- Unwilling or unable to participate in their previous employment due to their high risk of severe illness from COVID-19
- Completed a financial distress form
- Incurred costs related to Stay-At-Home orders, work-from-home, or school-from-home requirements including increased internet bills, increased utility bills, necessary equipment purchases, and other unplanned costs
- Reduction or elimination of child or spousal support

C: COVID-19 Impact (continued)

- Reduction or elimination of child or spousal support
- I or someone in my household had an unexpected COVID-19 related medical or funeral expense
- Child or Adult dependent care expenses increased due to COVID-19

If none of the above apply, please provide a description below of your or a household member's reduction in household income or financial hardship experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



I attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. [?](#)

D. Rent Assistance Requested

D. Rent Assistance Request

Complete the amount that you owe for each month of housing payments due to your household's COVID-19 impact. Late fees/penalties are not eligible by law and should not be charged to households experiencing COVID-19 related housing debt as per California Civil Code Section 1942.9. If you are requesting assistance for rents (or if your utility is included as a part of the rent), please complete this section. If you are only requesting utility assistance, you can skip this section.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTED


D.1. Are you requesting rental assistance?

Yes

No

D.2. Monthly Rent Payment Amount 

\$ 500.00

D.3. Please input the amount of rent owed for each month. 

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D.4. Has your landlord issued a Notice to Pay, an Eviction Notice, filed an Unlawful Detainer against you due to unpaid rents, or indicated they will be seeking to evict you?

Yes

No

If you answered yes to the above question, would you like to be contacted by a free or low-cost local legal aid or self-help legal group for assistance? Check the box if you would like a referral.

Please share my information with a local legal aid or self-help legal support group.

D. Rent Assistance Requested

October 2021

\$ 1,000.00

November 2021

\$ 1,000.00

December 2021

\$ 1,000.00

January 2022

\$ 1,000.00

February 2022

March 2022



Three months of prospective rent can be requested, from the month of the application

D. Rent Assistance Requested

LANDLORD INFORMATION

Please select the contact information you can provide for your landlord or property manager. The more contact information you can provide, the faster we will be able to process your application. You must provide at least one type of contact information otherwise we will not be able to process your application.

D.5. Landlord or Property Management

Entity Name

N/A

D.6. Landlord Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

CA

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D.7. Landlord Phone Number

(555) 555-5555

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(555) 555-5555

D.8. Landlord Email

n/asdsd@aol.com

D.8 Please Enter Landlord's Case ID if known

E. Prior Assistance Received

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Assistance provided under the COVID-19 RENT RELIEF Program for households economically impacted by COVID-19 may not exceed a household's monthly unmet housing cost needs. List all other sources of rent or utility assistance received from local governments, the State, non-profit organizations, faith based organizations, or friends and family.

PRIOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE RECEIVED

E.1. Have you or anyone in your household applied for, or received any rental and/or utility assistance from any source (local, state, federal, private) for the months you are applying for assistance? Examples are section 8 vouchers, rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention, Coronavirus rental assistance, subsistence assistance, local rent relief, and other programs intended to help with housing costs. If yes, proceed with this section. If no proceed to the next section. Previous assistance does not mean you are ineligible for the California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program.

- Yes
- No

E. Prior Assistance Received

E.2. List the housing assistance you have already received each month, where applicable. List all sources of financial and/or housing assistance. Write in the source of assistance you received. Failure to include prior assistance received for every household member may prevent assistance from being provided OR you may be required to **REPAY** assistance later if you are found to be ineligible after assistance is granted.

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April Assistance Source

May 2020

May Assistance Source

June 2020

June Assistance Source




- ESG Entitlement Homelessness Prevention 1
- ESG Covid Homelessness Prevention
- CDBG Entitlement Subsistence Payment
- CRF Rental Assistance
- HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Section 8 Housing Vouchers
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) assistance
- State Homelessness Funding (HEAP, CESH) Homelessness Prevention
- Coronavirus Rental Assistance
- Subsistence Assistance
- Rent Assistance from my City/County
- Rent Assistance from a non-profit or church
- Emergency Rental Assistance

****Foster care does not count as housing assistance**

F. Water & Gas Utility Assistance

WATER UTILITY ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

If your bill consolidates multiple utilities, you only need to enter the total once in one utility category. You do not need to break out the different utility costs by the different utilities.

F.1. Do you need help paying your water bill, including missed payments? 

- Yes, Complete this section
- No, Skip to the next section

GAS/PROPANE UTILITY ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

If your bill consolidates multiple utilities, you only need to enter the total once in one utility category. You do not need to break out the different utility costs by different utilities.

F.8. Do you need help paying your gas/propane bill, including missed payments?

- Yes, Complete this section
- No, You may skip to the next section

G. Trash & Sewer Assistance

TRASH ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

If your bill consolidates multiple utilities, you only need to enter the total once in one utility category. You do not need to break out the different utility costs by the different utilities.

G.1. Do you need help paying your trash utility bill, including missed payments?

- Yes, Complete this section
- No, You may skip to the next section

SEWER ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

If your bill consolidates multiple utilities, you only need to enter the total once in one utility category. You do not need to break out the different utility costs by the different utilities.

G.8. Do you need help paying your sewer bill, including missed payments?

- Yes, Complete this section
- No, You may skip to the next section

H. Electric & Other Utility Assistance

ELECTRIC UTILITY ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

If your bill consolidates multiple utilities, you only need to enter the total once in one utility category. You do not need to break out the different utility costs by the different utilities.

H.1. Do you need help paying your electric bill, including missed payments?

- Yes, Complete this section
- No, You may skip to the next section

H.8 Do you need help paying Other utility bills, such as internet, including missed payments?

If your mobile phone is the only source of internet for your household, a portion of your mobile plan may be eligible for assistance. If your household internet is provided as part of your cable bundle or land-line phone plan, the plan may be eligible for coverage. Streaming services, pay-per-view, and other itemized costs not related to internet are not eligible for assistance. If you are not sure if your costs are eligible, upload your bills and your case manager will work with you to clarify eligible costs.

- Yes, Complete this section
- No, You may skip to the next section

I. Household Members

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List all household members, starting with the Head of Household (Primary applicant). Please provide the full demographic information for the Primary Household Member. You only need to provide name and date of birth for other household members.

1

PRIMARY HOUSEHOLD MEMBER



Birthdate:

DEMOGRAPHICS



J. Household Income Verification

Please enter the income for every person in your household over 18 years old who earns income. You have four options for reporting/entering your household income. Please choose one of these four options to verify your household income.

1. You can enter your 2020 tax information. Your federal tax information must be for your entire household. You will need to use a different income method if your household members file taxes separately.
2. You can use your 2020 or 2021 recertification letter from another assistance program. The letter should show your name and address. Other programs include:
 - a. Medicaid, known as Medi-Cal in California,
 - b. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits
 - c. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known as CalFresh in California,
 - d. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR),
 - e. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), known as CalWORKs in California,
 - f. School Nutrition Programs (SNP), such as the Free and Reduced Lunch program for California families,
3. You can attest that you are a resident of subsidized housing. Selecting this option means we will work with your landlord to verify your household income.
4. You can use your paystubs from your current employment or you can attest to your household income, including cash income or a certification of zero income if you have no household income.

J. Household Income Verification: Tax Return

HOUSEHOLD INCOME CERTIFICATION METHOD

- I filed or will file a 2020 tax return and will certify my household annual income by using my 2020 Federal Income Tax Return, or other official 2020 Income Tax documentation (1099, 1099G, W-2)
- I participate in another income qualified program providing state or federally funded assistance.
- I am a resident of subsidized housing including, but not limited to, Section 8, Housing Choice Vouchers, and public housing.
- I will certify income for each household member (Pay Stubs, No Income, Cash Income, etc)

*Enter the Household Adjusted Annual Income from your 2020
Federal Income Tax Return:*

\$ 0.00

J. Household Income Verification: Income Qualified Program

HOUSEHOLD INCOME CERTIFICATION METHOD

- I filed or will file a 2020 tax return and will certify my household annual income by using my 2020 Federal Income Tax Return, or other official 2020 Income Tax documentation (1099, 1099G, W-2)
- I participate in another income qualified program providing state or federally funded assistance.
- I am a resident of subsidized housing including, but not limited to, Section 8, Housing Choice Vouchers, and public housing.
- I will certify income for each household member (Pay Stubs, No Income, Cash Income, etc)

Enter Household Annual Income

\$ 0.00

Recertification Letter

- Please upload your 2020 or 2021 recertification letter from another assistance program. The letter should show your name and address. ID Cards and other identification are not sufficient.
***Required**

Upload File 

J. Household Income Verification: Subsidized Housing

HOUSEHOLD INCOME CERTIFICATION METHOD

- I filed or will file a 2020 tax return and will certify my household annual income by using my 2020 Federal Income Tax Return, or other official 2020 Income Tax documentation (1099, 1099G, W-2)
- I participate in another income qualified program providing state or federally funded assistance.
- I am a resident of subsidized housing including, but not limited to, Section 8, Housing Choice Vouchers, and public housing.
- I will certify income for each household member (Pay Stubs, No Income, Cash Income, etc)

Enter Household Annual Income

= TOTAL COMBINED INCOME [?](#) \$0.00

J. Household Income Verification: Self Certified Income or No Income

HOUSEHOLD INCOME CERTIFICATION METHOD

- I filed or will file a 2020 tax return and will certify my household annual income by using my 2020 Federal Income Tax Return, or other official 2020 Income Tax documentation (1099, 1099G, W-2)
- I participate in another income qualified program providing state or federally funded assistance.
- I am a resident of subsidized housing including, but not limited to, Section 8, Housing Choice Vouchers, and public housing.
- I will certify income for each household member (Pay Stubs, No Income, Cash Income, etc)

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1 HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

Test Application Age: 21 Total Income:

Source	Additional Information	Annual Income
**Not Selected	Additional Information	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Investment Income		\$ 0.00

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Source

- **Not Selected
- Alimony
- Cash Income - Certification
- Child Support
- Gross Pay
- Investment Income
- Minor/Child - No Income
- No Income - Certification of Zero Income
- Other
- Pension
- Retirement
- Social Security and Supplemental Security Income
- Unemployment Comp

Income is required for each member of a household

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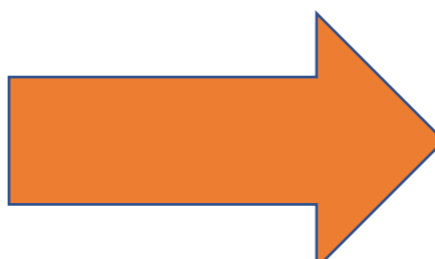
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Required Documentation
No documentation upload required. I testify that the income stated is true and correct.

Upload File

Add an Income Source



No Income:
Certification of No Income

What is a Household?

Tax Filing Status

Apply for the youth's individual portion of the rent.

Example: \$500 for youth rent paid in a shared living situation

vs.

Residents Living in Household

Apply on behalf of all residents of the household on for the full rent

Example: \$1,500 for youth and two other adults paid for full apartment

K. Supporting Paperwork

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Identify whether you uploaded income information in section D and the application will prompt you to upload any other required records. You can upload a picture, a scanned copy of your document, an electronic document or a screen shot of your document. No information regarding legal status will be provided to any other government agencies.

K.1. In Step J, did you certify your household income and not provide income documentation because you claimed either "Cash Income" OR "Zero Income?" [?](#)

- Yes
- No

K.1a. Did you request Utility Assistance?

- I am requesting utility assistance and the utility bill is in my name.
- I am not requesting utility assistance, or my utility bills are not in my name

K.1b. Please upload a form of identification.

To verify identify, you must provide ONE of the following items.

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To verify identify, you must provide ONE of the following items.

- State issued program ID or license
- Passport (any nationality)
- International jurisdiction issued ID
- An employment identification card
- Certificate of marriage or license
- Copy of a certified divorce decree
- Copy of a certified, court-ordered maintenance award (if legal) or a notarized statement declaring separation
- Statement from single or Joint bank accounts, certified purchases, or loans that include your name
- Credit report showing residence and single or joint financial activity
- Government issued library card
- Utility bill, Credit card bill, or other bill with your name and address on it
- Letter or notification from a school, medical facility, government departments (such as the DMV) or other official letter with your name.

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K.2. To verify rent owed, Please complete the following:

- I know my landlord is participating in the program and will provide information about my past due or current rents.
- I do not know if my landlord is participating in the program.

K.2a. Please provide at least ONE of the following. You can upload more than one document. Please upload as many of these as you can. The more information you provide, the faster we can process your application.

- 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.)



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For a template for K.2a. follow this [LINK](#)

Submit

1. Binding Contract
2. Tenant and Unit Information
3. Assistance Payments
4. Application of Payments
5. Limits on Assistance
6. Recapture of Funds
7. Tenant Obligations
8. Judicial Enforcement
9. Headings
10. Severability
11. Governing Law

Verification Email

Thank you for applying for the California COVID-19 Rent Relief program. Your application has been received. You may check the status of your application at any time by logging into <https://hornellp-ca.neighborlysoftware.com/CaliforniaCovid19RentRelief/Participant>.

This notification serves as confirmation that a completed application, as defined in Section 50897 of the Health and Safety Code, was submitted.

For all questions related to your application (such as inquiries about eligibility, required documents, etc.) please contact us at 1- (833) 430-2122.

This notice is NOT considered a "final decision" under the COVID-19 Rental Housing Recovery Act (Chapter 6 of Title 3 of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure)

Click here to login: <https://hornellp-ca.neighborlysoftware.com/CaliforniaCovid19RentRelief/participant>



Sample Application

Sample Application: Elizabeth



- ✓ Why did you apply?
- ✓ What was the process like for you?
- ✓ What advice do you have for adult supporters?

Tips for a Successful Application



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Tips for a Successful Application

- ✓ Prepare for the application by collecting documents
- ✓ Consider applying to the state program, if possible
- ✓ Log in regularly to check on status, every two to three weeks
- ✓ Set aside at least an hour; is possible to save and return later

Tips and Tricks for a Successful Application

- ✓ Important for tenant OR landlord to apply
- ✓ Payment may take 4 to 5 months to disburse
- ✓ Help youth navigate payment if it is issued on a debit card
- ✓ Ensure youth is issued a receipt or confirmation for payment
- ✓ Save application and related materials to reapply; the application is deleted if denied.

Important Eviction Protections



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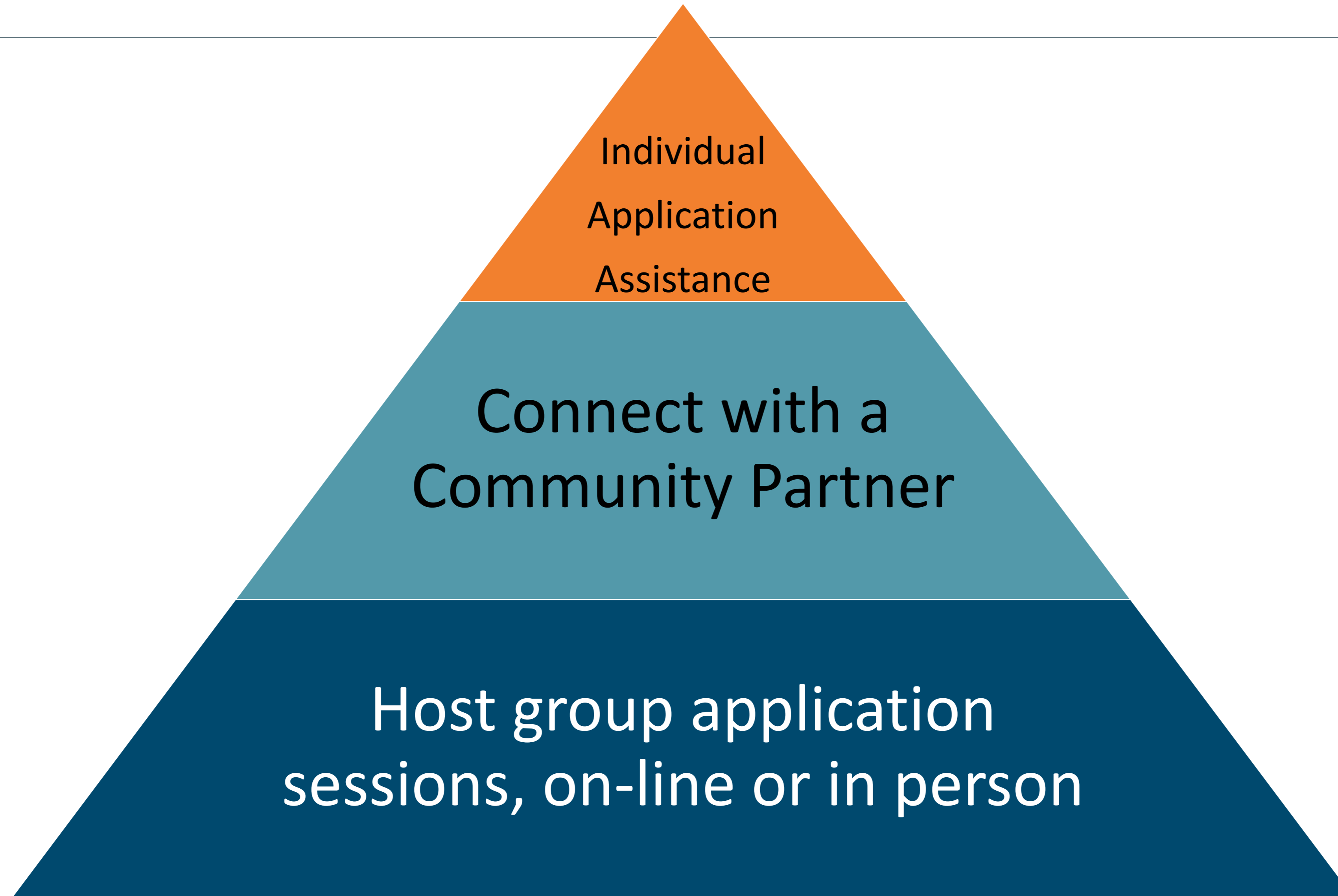
- Landlords may not use “self-help” like changing locks or turning off utilities to force a tenant out
- Pre-pandemic tenant protections
- Need a court order to evict!
- Evictions filed between October 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022 for non-payment of rent: Landlord must attest that they applied for rent relief

Strategies to Assist Youth



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Resources to Help

Office Hours

Anna Johnson will host a weekly zoom TA session on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. for providers helping young people with applications. Bring your questions and get them answered. Register [here](#).

Outreach Flyer

JBAY will circulate an informational flyer with eligibility information and other important details.

Q & A

Go to the questions box on your control panel, type your question and hit “send.”