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San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) City of San Diego COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program



COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program Overview

- February 22, 2021: San Diego City Council authorized the program.
- March 15, 2021: Online application launched at covidassistance.sdhc.org
 - Application available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese
- The program helps pay past-due, unpaid rent and utilities for City of San Diego households with low income that experience financial hardship due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- The program also helps pay past-due internet service expenses.
- Payments to help with upcoming rent also may be available, subject to funding availability.



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Who Can Receive Help?

- Tenant has a City of San Diego address.
- Household income is at or below 80 percent of San Diego's Area Median Income (AMI), currently \$97,000 per year for a family of four, with priority given to:
 - Household income at or below 50 percent of AMI, currently \$60,600 per year for a family of four
 - At least one member of the household has been unemployed for 90 days and remains unemployed
- Household has an obligation to pay rent.
- At least one member of the household has a reduction of income or other financial hardship during the COVID 19 pandemic.
- Household experienced or is at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.



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Previously Allocated Funding

- \$83,705,260.75 budgeted for assistance payments
 - Federal funds allocated directly to the City of San Diego from the U.S. Department of the Treasury
 - Federal funds the State of California allocated to the City of San Diego, as approved in State Senate Bill (SB) 91, signed into law on January 29, 2021
 - Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds awarded to the City of San Diego
 - Expenditure of Coronavirus Relief Funds is prioritized because funding regulations allow a longer period of time to expend CDBG funds.



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Applications and Payments

Applications

- 17,206 applications submitted as of August 9, 2021
 - 1,390 applications submitted from Landlords

Payments

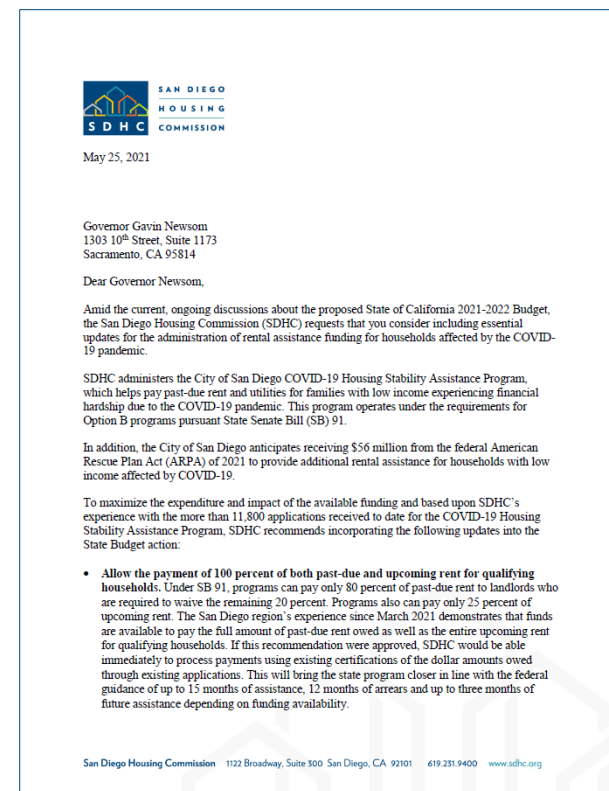
- SDHC began making payments for qualifying applicants in late April 2021.
- As of August 6, 2021:
 - Payments Disbursed: \$70,763,770.22
 - \$12,941,490.53 obligated to help additional households that have submitted applications
- Program data is updated on our website daily: <https://www.sdhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/HSAP-Data.pdf>



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New State Legislation

- April and May 2021: SDHC advocated for changes to State law governing the use of funds for the COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program.
- June 28, 2021: Assembly Bill (AB) 832 signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom
 - Allows the COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Programs and similar programs statewide to pay 100 percent of rent obligations for qualifying households
- With AB 832's changes, SDHC anticipates fully expending all of the Coronavirus Relief Funds allocated to HSAP and may need additional funds to assist all of the existing eligible applicants.
- Additional funding would be used to help households that submit new applications each day for help from HSAP.



*SDHC Letter to
Governor Gavin Newsom
May 25, 2021*



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Community Outreach

- Contract with 2-1-1 San Diego to answer questions and help complete applications for households, including those without internet access
- Contract with 10 community-based organizations to raise awareness about the program in the communities they serve and to help individuals apply, including those who do not have internet access.
 - Assistance available in more than 20 languages
- Contract with two additional community-based organizations to raise awareness in the communities they serve
 - Asian Business Association & Asian Pacific Islander Initiative





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Questions & Comments

