



SANTA CLARA, SAN MATEO, AND SANTA CRUZ COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

To help residents during the COVID-19 crisis, the California Apartment Association is maintaining a list of various government, nonprofit, and community-based resources to assist with housing, food, medical needs, and more. See below for the resources we have identified in your area.

FEDERAL RESOURCES

Direct Payments to Individuals: Under federal law enacted to address the economic impacts of COVID-19, the IRS will be sending one-time payments to taxpayers. Most adults will receive \$1,200, depending on income and family size. Most taxpayers do not need to apply to obtain these benefits. The IRS will provide the payments either by mail or direct deposit (if the IRS has bank account information from the taxpayer's 2019 or 2018 tax returns). Individuals who did not file tax returns in 2018 or 2019 can submit their direct deposit information to the IRS through a new portal. For more information, see www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payments-what-you-need-to-know.

STATE RESOURCES

Disability Insurance: If you are unable to work because you have, or have been exposed to, COVID-19, you may be eligible for disability insurance, which provides short-term benefit payments to eligible workers who have a full or partial loss of wages due to a non-work-related illness or injury.

Paid Family Leave: If you are unable to work because you are caring for an ill or quarantined family member due to COVID-19, you may qualify for paid family leave. Paid family leave provides up to 6 weeks of benefit payments to eligible workers who have a full or partial loss of income because they need time off work to care for a seriously ill family member.

Unemployment Insurance: If you have lost your job or had your hours reduced for reasons related to COVID-19, you may qualify for unemployment insurance benefits. You may also be eligible for these benefits if you need to miss work because your child's school is closed. Benefits under this program were recently expanded to include additional workers, apply for a longer period, and offer increased payments.

Paid Sick leave: If you are unable to work because you, or a family member, are sick with COVID-19 or undergoing preventative care, such as self-quarantine as a result of exposure to COVID-19, you may be eligible for paid sick leave.

Workers' Compensation: If you are unable to perform usual job duties after contracting COVID-19 at work, you may be eligible for workers' compensation benefits.

All information and resources on the programs listed above can be found at www.labor.ca.gov/coronavirus2019

Job Opportunities: Visit OnwardCa.org, a platform connecting displaced workers in the state with job opportunities in critical industries. Also see covid19.ca.gov/healthcorps/ for jobs for health professionals.

LOCAL RESOURCES

[Small Residential Property Owners Program](#): The program will assist landlords in recouping rental income that's gone unpaid during the county-enacted eviction moratorium from March through August. The program will allow local rental housing providers to apply for grants covering up to \$6,000 per unit in back rent. To qualify, applicants must live in San Mateo County and show that their San Mateo County-based rental property earned less than \$400,000 in gross annual income each year in both 2018 and 2019.

[City of Santa Clara Emergency Rental Assistance Program \(ERAP\)](#): Beginning October 5, 2020, the ERAP will be accepting applications for its Phase II emergency rental assistance funding; APPLY NOW! The deadline to submit your application for rental assistance is October 26, 2020

[Menlo Park Community Fund](#): The City of Menlo Park established a Community Fund of \$100,000 to assist Menlo Park residents during the COVID-19 outbreak. Samaritan House will administer the grant program.

[Housing Industry Foundation \(HIF\)](#): The Housing Industry Foundation, founded by CAA members, can provide emergency housing assistance to avoid a non-payment of rent or missed utility bill. This grant is administered by local nonprofit agencies such as Samaritan House and the YMCA Community Resource Center in South San Francisco.

[Fair Oaks Community Center](#): This nonprofit organization provides rent assistance, utility payment assistance, food assistance, and other emergency assistance. The center recently received additional funds from the Redwood City Council to provide rental assistance to households impacted by COVID-19.

[Silicon Valley Community Fund \(SVCF\)](#): SVCF has established a coronavirus regional fund to assist San Mateo County's Core Agencies for emergency housing, rent and mortgage aid, utility assistance, and medical and transportation support for residents at-risk of facing homelessness due to coronavirus-related hardships.

[Catholic Charities](#): The crisis had an impact on everyone - including undocumented adults residing in California. To help this vulnerable community with the financial burdens resulting from the pandemic, the state of California has created the Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants (DRAI) project which provides one-time, state-funded disaster relief assistance to undocumented adults who are ineligible for other forms of assistance due to their immigration status. To apply for CA [Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants \(DRAI\)](#) call [415-324-1011](tel:415-324-1011) from 8 AM - 8 PM, Mondays through Saturdays, beginning Monday, May 18, 2020.