



***Keep Oakland Housed***  
***Emergency Rental Assistance Program***  
**FACT SHEET**

- ***Struggling to pay rent?***
- ***Have past due utility bills?***
- ***Are you a property owner who is owed rent?***

*You may be eligible for the City of Oakland's  
Keep Oakland Housed Emergency Rental Assistance Program*

Keep Oakland Housed (KOH), a partnership of nonprofit organizations will be administering Federal emergency rental assistance funds. The funding will provide financial assistance to low-income tenants impacted by COVID-19 and can cover past rent due, prospective rent (up to three months), and utility expenses. Funding is provided to the property owners or utility service providers.

Funding is limited to covering the lesser of: 1) a period of no more than twelve months or 2) \$15,000 per household.

The application period opens on **April 1, 2021** and will close March 31, 2022 or upon expenditure of funds.

**Eligibility:**

- Oakland resident; *and*
- A household of one or more individuals obligated to pay rent on a residential dwelling; *and*
- At least one or more individuals living in the household has:
  - qualified for unemployment **OR**
  - experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19; *and*
- At least one or more individuals living in the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability<sup>1</sup>; *and*
- Household income at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI); see below:

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<sup>1</sup> Demonstration of “at risk of housing instability or homelessness” may include: past due utility or rent notice or eviction notice; unsafe or unhealthy living conditions; or other evidence as determined by City.

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	Household Size							
	One Person	Two Person	Three Person	Four Person	Five Person	Six Person	Seven Person	Eight Person
Low Income	\$45,700	\$52,200	\$58,750	\$65,250	\$70,500	\$75,700	\$80,950	\$86,150

Household income is based on HUD’s definition of “annual income” in 24 CFR 5.609 and is determined based on monthly income at the time of application.

**Program Priorities:**

The KOH program will prioritize households and individuals who are:

- 30% of Area Median Income or below (\$39,150 for a four-person household)
- Have previously experienced homelessness
- Reside in a zip code with high rates of COVID-19 infection
- Other priorities include: seniors, families with children, households with a member with disabilities

**TO APPLY:**

- **Visit:** <https://hpp.bayareacs.org/> to apply online
- **Or you may call one of the following agencies to apply:**
  - Bay Area Community Services (BACS): (510) 899-9289
  - Catholic Charities East Bay: (510) 860-4985
  - Eviction Defense Center: (510) 452-4541

**All applicants must provide:**

- Proof of Oakland residency
- Evidence of obligation to pay rent
- Verification of income
- Verification of COVID-19 impact
- Verification of being at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability

**Selection Process:**

Applications will be prioritized based on need, severity of COVID-19 impact, and funding availability.

**For more information contact:**

City of Oakland Housing and Community Development Department

Call: (510) 238-6182

Email: [HousingAssistance@oaklandca.gov](mailto:HousingAssistance@oaklandca.gov)

Visit: [www.oaklandca.gov/resources/housing-resources-erap-emergency-rental-assistance](http://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/housing-resources-erap-emergency-rental-assistance)