How to apply for rent & utility relief

If you were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, use the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program application to get money for rent and utilities dating back to April 1, 2020.

APPLY IN LESS THAN 1 HOUR

1 — Fill in the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program application.

Either a renter of a landlord can apply, but we encourage both to work together. Answer all the questions and upload the required documents.

2 — Your landlord will be contacted.

Once you submit your application, the state will tell your landlord that you have applied. If your landlord applies first, then they will tell you. If your landlord agrees to participate in the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program, the money may go out faster.

3 — A case manager will help you.

You will be assigned a case manager. They will contact you to make sure your application is complete. Be sure to respond to them when they call or email you. If you don't, you might not get paid as quickly.

Get rent and utility bills paid.

Once you are approved, the state will pay your rent and utility bills. They may send the rent directly to your landlord (if your landlord participates) or to you (if your landlord does not participate). Utility payments will be sent directly to the utility provider.

The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program is an official State of California sponsored program.

✓ ELIGIBILITY:

Income-eligible Californians who have been impacted by COVID-19 and have unpaid rent or utilities can apply. Immigration status does not matter. Applicants will not be required to show proof of citizenship.

🔒 PRIVACY:

Your landlord will not see your application. They will only be notified that you have applied for rent relief. Your information is private and will not be shared.

⚠ IMPORTANT:

Watch for emails or phone calls from your case manager regarding your CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program application. Be sure to respond so your application doesn't stall.

💰 APPLY NOW:

Most people who apply get the rent and utility money they request, but be sure to apply soon while funds are still available.