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CITY OF MONTEREY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Monterey, CA. – The City of Monterey is pleased to announce the start of an Emergency Rental Assistance Program. The City Council allocated \$800,000 to fund this program. The program is designed to reduce homelessness and displacement of existing Monterey residents and workers who are experiencing a decrease in household income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and cannot pay their rent.

The City is partnering with The United Way Monterey County to have 211 operators assist with screening and referring people to the City’s Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

“The need for this program was conceived in early April of this year when the City Council reacted with several important measures to the economic devastation caused by COVID 19,” said City of Monterey Housing Analyst Grant Leonard. “Using a mix of federal and our own City housing program funds, we were able to create this important program, which is designed to provide relief regionally.”

Mayor Clyde Roberson added: “This program is another important cornerstone of our City’s response to a devastating pandemic affecting so many in our communities.”

Eligibility for the Monterey’s Emergency Rental Assistance Program is based on the following requirements:

- Live or work in the City of Monterey
- Experiencing a loss of income due to COVID-19
- Be able to provide a lease agreement or letter confirming tenancy from your landlord
- Have been current on rent payments prior to COVID-19
- Make less than 80% of Area Median Income

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2020 Maximum Income Limits

Household	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People
80% AMI	\$54,250	\$62,000	\$69,750	\$77,500	\$83,700	\$89,900

Individuals applying for rental assistance will need to provide supporting documentation, such as tax returns, bank statements, layoff notices, and rent due notices to confirm their income and financial need for rental assistance.

Applications will be accepted online at the City of Monterey's Housing Programs Office webpage, monterey.org/housing. People who do not have access to the internet or email may contact the City's Housing staff at 831-646-3995 to receive a paper copy of the application.

The \$800,000 Emergency Rental Assistance Program budget is federally funded through the City's Community Development Block Grant Program, Housing Program Income and the federal CARES Act.

CITY OF MONTEREY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

INFORMATION & APPLY AT MONTEREY.ORG/HOUSING

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ LIVE OR WORK IN CITY OF MONTEREY
- ✓ EXPERIENCE LOSS OF INCOME DUE TO COVID-19
- ✓ LEASE AGREEMENT OR LETTER FROM LANDLORD CONFIRMING TENANCY
- ✓ CURRENT ON RENT PAYMENTS PRIOR TO COVID-19
- ✓ MAKE LESS THAN 80% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME

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