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**Sacramento launches \$95.6 million Phase 2 of Emergency Rental Assistance Program to pay past due rent and utilities for renters and landlords impacted by COVID-19**

**Sacramento, Calif.** | Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency will accept online applications for Phase 2 of the Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance (SERA 2) Program under a new round of federal and state funds to help low income renters in the city and county catch up on past due rent and utility payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications will be accepted Feb. 25 through March 19 at [www.shra.org/sera](http://www.shra.org/sera). Landlords can apply for assistance on behalf of their tenants and tenants may also apply on their own behalf.



To be eligible for the assistance, applicants must be renting housing in the City or County of Sacramento; have household gross annual income at or below low-income limits ranging from \$48,350 for a household of one to \$91,150 for a household of 8; and must have at least one household member that is unemployed, or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or has experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19. Eligible applicants must also demonstrate a risk of being unhoused or housing instability. Applicants may use the funds for back rent and/or utility bills in arrears from April 1, 2020 through March 1, 2021. Families that applied for the previous round of SERA assistance last fall may apply for the second round of funding.

The city was awarded \$31.6 million from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and state funding from SB 91 for emergency rent assistance. The county will apply a total federal and state allocation of \$64 million in emergency rental assistance the SERA 2 Program. Federal and state guidelines require all of the funds to be spent by the end of this year. More details, plus an information flyer in multiple languages are available at [www.shra.org/sera](http://www.shra.org/sera).

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**SHRA** ([www.shra.org](http://www.shra.org)) is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Sacramento to represent both jurisdictions for affordable housing and community redevelopment needs. SHRA has a FY 2021 budget of \$214 million and 250 employees. The Agency owns and/or manages approximately 3,200 units of affordable housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers approximately 13,200 rent assistance vouchers per month.

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