



CHANGING LIVES

Homeless Prevention Program Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance (SERA)

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Homeless Prevention Program

Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic

- **40 million** in United States out of work
- **33 percent** of renters cannot pay rent
- **30 million** at risk of being evicted with the end of moratorium
- Evictions significantly impact:
 - ✓ **Black, Asian and Latino renters**
 - ✓ **Families with children**

Homeless Prevention Program

Financial Assistance

- \$1,200 one-time stimulus payments

- \$600 a week supplemental federal unemployment payment

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Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance Program

City Funds

- \$2.7 million of CARES Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)
- \$2.0 million of CDBG (CV3)

County Funds

- \$1.15 million of CDBG (CV3)

Total of: \$5.8 million

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Program Parameters

- Received significant community input

- Developed program that:
 - ✓ Works within parameters of federal guidelines
 - ✓ Streamlined process. Assist families quickly
 - ✓ Prioritizes families with children

Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance (SERA)

- Renter households in the City of Sacramento and unincorporated County
- Experienced a reduction in employment income due to COVID-19
- Family income cannot exceed 50 percent area median income (AMI)
 - ✓ Family of 2: \$34,550
 - ✓ Family of 4: \$43,150

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➤ Priority will be given to:

✓ Families with children

✓ Income at or below 30% AMI

○ Family of 2: \$20,750

○ Family of 4: \$26,200

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- Up to \$4,000 per household for past due or current rent
- Funds will be paid directly to landlord
- Exclusions:
 - ✓ Families living in Public Housing
 - ✓ Families receiving ongoing rental subsidy

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- Online application process
- Staff located at two locations to provide assistance

Opening: **October 9 - 22, 2020** www.shra.org/sera

- Extensive marketing of program
 - ✓ Partner agencies

Questions ?