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\$31 million in Emergency Rent and Utilities Assistance Available for Sacramento Renters and Landlords Impacted by COVID-19

Sacramento, Calif. | Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency announces it will administer a new round of federal and state funds allocated to the City of Sacramento to help low income renters catch up on past due rent and utility payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications for the Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance (SERA 2) Program will be accepted online Feb. 25 until March 19 at 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 \$15.2 million from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and \$16.4 million in state funding from SB 91 for emergency rent assistance. The funding is far more than the Agency administered last fall from the City's allocation of \$5.3 million in CARES Act and CDBG funding for the first phase of the SERA program which served 930 families and 562 landlords. More than 4,400 applications were received. Federal and state guidelines require all of the SERA 2 funds to be spent by the end of this year. The county is anticipating an allocation of \$64 million in federal and state rental assistance funds to be used for the SERA 2 program. More information is available at www.shra.org/sera.

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SHRA (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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COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENT & UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, in partnership with the City and the County of Sacramento, is offering

emergency rent and utilities assistance for renters impacted by COVID-19.

APPLICATION PERIOD Feb. 25 – Mar. 19, 2021

www.shra.org/sera

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Rent your home in the City or County of Sacramento
- Have experienced job loss or financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Behind in rent and/or utilities or inability to remain current on rent
- Current gross household income must be at or below low income limits

GROSS HOUSEHOLD LOW INCOME LIMITS

Household of	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low Income	\$48,350	\$55,250	\$62,150	\$69,050	\$74,600	\$80,100	\$85,650	\$91,150

HOW TO APPLY:

- Apply online at www.shra.org/sera from Thursday, Feb. 25 through Friday, Mar. 19, 2021.
- Community organizations that can assist you with the application process will be listed on the SERA Program website.
- Both landlords and renters can apply.
- Households that previously applied for and/or received rental assistance through the SERA Program are eligible to apply again.

For program details, go to www.shra.org/sera. Email: sera@shra.org