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**Apply Online Now for Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance Program**  
*Program will pay past due rent and utilities for renters and landlords impacted by COVID-19*

**Sacramento, Calif.** | Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) will accept online applications for Phase 2 of the Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance (SERA 2) Program beginning February 25 until March 19 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. Landlords can apply for assistance on behalf of their tenants and tenants may also apply on their own behalf. The application will be available in multiple languages at [www.shra.org/sera](http://www.shra.org/sera).



Applicants must be renting housing in the City or County of Sacramento to be eligible for the assistance. They must also 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 and county will utilize a total of approximately \$95.6 million from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and state funding for emergency rental assistance. More details, including a bilingual information flyer 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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