

PAYMENT ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE—APPLY NOW

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

Federal Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance funding is now available through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for assistance.

Customers experiencing economic hardship due to COVID-19 and having trouble paying their bills are encouraged to apply. The application is available at <https://www.unitedwaysb.org/rent>

Upon application approval, applicants may receive up to \$6,000 over 3 months toward rental and utility expenses. Applicants can re-apply every 3 months up to maximum of 15 months. Assistance payments to applicants will be paid directly to landlord and/or utility providers on behalf of the applicant.

There are strict eligibility requirements for this funding opportunity, please review below.

ELIGIBILITY / DOCUMENTATION

- Must provide proof of residency in Santa Barbara County.
- Must provide copy of lease agreement or landlord confirmation if lease is not available. Documentation must include amount of rent and all individuals on the lease.
- Qualifying residents must already reside in permanent housing and have been timely paying monthly rent up to March 1, 2020.
 - This assistance is NOT intended for move-ins, including payment of security deposits, or assistance for residents who wish to move from one unit to another.
- For utility payments, applicant must provide documentation of bills.
- Households income (households include all individuals on lease agreement, related or not) must be 80% or the Area Median Income for Santa Barbara County. See **HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMIT**.
- Program applicants at 50% or below the Area Median Income will be prioritized.
- Must demonstrate loss of income related to COVID-19 for the entire household:
 - Documentation of prior 2 months of income.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMIT

To apply, the income of a household (all individuals on lease agreement, related or unrelated) must be at or below 80% AMI (area median income).

Individuals per household - Income

- 1 - \$66,750
- 2 - \$76,250
- 3 - \$85,800
- 4 - \$95,300
- 5 - \$102,950
- 6 - \$110,550
- 7 - \$118,200
- 8 - \$125,800

Once your application has been received and reviewed to confirm eligibility, a case manager will contact you to schedule an interview. Make sure to provide a current phone number and email address to avoid delays.

Apply online at

<https://www.unitedwaysb.org/rent>

Should you require assistance or have questions, contact the United Way at 805-965-8591 or email info@unitedwaysb.org.