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## Over \$75 million in COVID-19 Rent Relief for Contra Costa County Tenants and Landlords – Application Period Opens Today

(Martinez, CA) – Starting March 15, 2021, Contra Costa County tenants and landlords impacted by COVID-19 can apply for assistance from the COVID-19 Rent Relief program. Over \$75 million is Contra Costa County's allocation of federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, which allocated \$2.6 billion to Californians in need of rental relief.

"This funding for COVID-19 relief cannot come any sooner to help provide the hardest hit individuals and families in Contra Costa with financial assistance with rent and utilities payments and help them gain back financial and housing stability," said Board Chair, Supervisor Diane Burgis. "My colleagues on the Board and I remain committed to helping residents get back on their feet, especially now that we have safe, effective vaccines that will help end this pandemic."

The program assists income-qualified renters impacted by COVID-19 who need help to pay for rent or utilities. Eligible household income may not exceed 80% of the local median income. Eligible renters whose landlords do not participate in the program can still receive 25% of unpaid rent accrued between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021. Eligible renters can also receive future rent assistance equal to 25% of their monthly rent. The program also provides up to 80% rent reimbursement to landlords for unpaid rent accrued between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021.

"I am appreciative of the partnership with local governments like Contra Costa for their vote of confidence in our rent relief program," said Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramirez. "We have been closely working together to ensure we provide rent relief and support to those communities hardest hit by the pandemic."

Check eligibility and apply online for [COVID-19 Rent Relief](#) and in Spanish [Ayuda con la Renta](#). Tenants and landlords can contact the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Call Center at 1-833-430-2122 for assistance to apply. To learn more and find state resources, visit [Housingiskey.com](http://Housingiskey.com).

For information on Contra Costa County's Ordinance on Eviction Protection and Rent Freeze, see [FAQs](#) on the County website. For additional resources, call 211 or 800-833-2900, text HOPE to 20121, or visit [www.contracosta.ca.gov](http://www.contracosta.ca.gov).

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