

SDHC COVID-19 Hardship Policies Extended

SDHC Residents and SDHC Rental Assistance Participants Can Apply for Help Through September 30

The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) has extended the deadline to apply for its hardship programs that assist families in SDHC's programs who are experiencing financial hardships related to COVID-19. **Applications will be accepted through September 30.**

These programs are in addition to many actions SDHC has taken to maintain stable housing and prevent evictions among the low-income households SDHC serves, amid the COVID-19 public health emergency.

For more information, visit www.sdhc.org/about-us/coronavirus-covid-19/

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance Households

- No terminations from the program until September 30, 2020, unless a participant engages in violent or criminal behavior.
- **For households that have lost income due to COVID-19**, the amount of the contract rent that the household pays (rent portion) will be calculated as 20 percent of the household's adjusted income. (If a household has already been approved for this change, the time it remains in effect will be extended from four months to six months.)
- The revised household rent portion will be effective for the month when the decrease of income is reported to SDHC.
- The revised household rent portion will be effective for six months.
- Full-time student status will be maintained during prolonged school closures.
- Families will receive a referral to the SDHC Achievement Academy for voluntary work readiness and employer recruitment resources.
- Families will be required to report any restoration of their income at the end of the six-month hardship period.
- Payments and past-due notices for families who received Security Deposit Loan assistance from SDHC are suspended through September 30, 2020.
- SDHC's alternative Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspections Protocol remains in effect. Both the landlord and participant are required to self-certify the condition of the unit with SDHC.

Residents of Properties Owned or Managed by SDHC, Including Its Nonprofit Affiliate, Housing Development Partners

- SDHC will not evict households based solely on loss or decrease of income as a result of COVID-19 impacts.
- **Households affected by COVID-19** and seeking assistance are required to submit an online application, available on SDHC's website, <https://www.sdhc.org/rent-from-sdhc/> or the website of SDHC's nonprofit affiliate, Housing Development Partners, www.hdparters.org
- The hardship program continues from March 20, 2020, through September 30, 2020.
- If SDHC approves an application, the household will receive assistance for up to a maximum of four months.
- If SDHC declined a previous application for assistance, the resident may apply again if their financial circumstances have changed.
- If a financial hardship exists, any or all of the following forms of relief may be provided:
 - Forgiving all or part of the rent due, as determined by SDHC during the term of the hardship for a period of up to, and not to exceed, four months;
 - Waiving late fees; and/or
 - Referring the household to financial resources outside of SDHC.
- Changes in income must be reported to SDHC within 21 days.



Established in 1979, the San Diego Housing Commission provides a variety of award-winning affordable housing programs and services that stimulate the local economy, revitalize neighborhoods, and impact the lives of low-income and homeless San Diegans.

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