

United Lift



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LIFT TO RISE



Emergency Rental Assistance Program

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What assistance is available under ERAP?

Rental Assistance

- Eligible households **may receive up to 12 months of assistance, plus up to an additional 3 months** if the grantee determines the extra months are needed to ensure housing stability and grantee funds are available.

Utility Assistance

- The Act provides that ERA funds may be used for “utilities and home energy costs” and “utilities and home energy costs arrears.” **Applicants must meet all program eligibility requirements to receive utility assistance.**

Utilities and home energy costs that are covered by the landlord will be treated as rent.

For more on [**U.S. Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance.**](#)

Areas ISCUW supports

- Western Riverside County
 - Excluding the City of Riverside
 - City of Moreno Valley has its own program, but it follows the County

Areas Lift to Rise supports

Eastern Riverside County
Including Banning/Beaumont pass area

State vs County Program – major differences

- County

100% of rental arrears and utilities arrears

100% of future rent

- State

- 80% of rental arrears and utility arrears
- 25% of future rent

Program Eligibility – for ISCUW area ONLY

Federal guidelines require that households must meet ALL of the following eligibility criteria in order to be eligible for assistance:

Renter household - rental assistance is reserved for renter households; homeowners or mortgage-paying households are not eligible for assistance. A lease agreement or other acceptable document proving renter status is required. County guidelines also require that households applying for assistance live within the County of San Bernardino (excluding the cities of Fontana and San Bernardino).

COVID-19 related financial impact - rental assistance is reserved for households who cannot pay for rent and/or utilities because they have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Documentation of COVID-19 related financial impact is required.

Earning at or below 80% of area median income (AMI) - rental assistance is reserved for households that earned at or below 80% of AMI in 2020. Priority will be given to households earning at or below 50% of AMI in 2020. To see if your household's income-level is at or below 80% AMI, use the table below. Proof of ALL sources of income from ALL members of your household for 2020 is required.

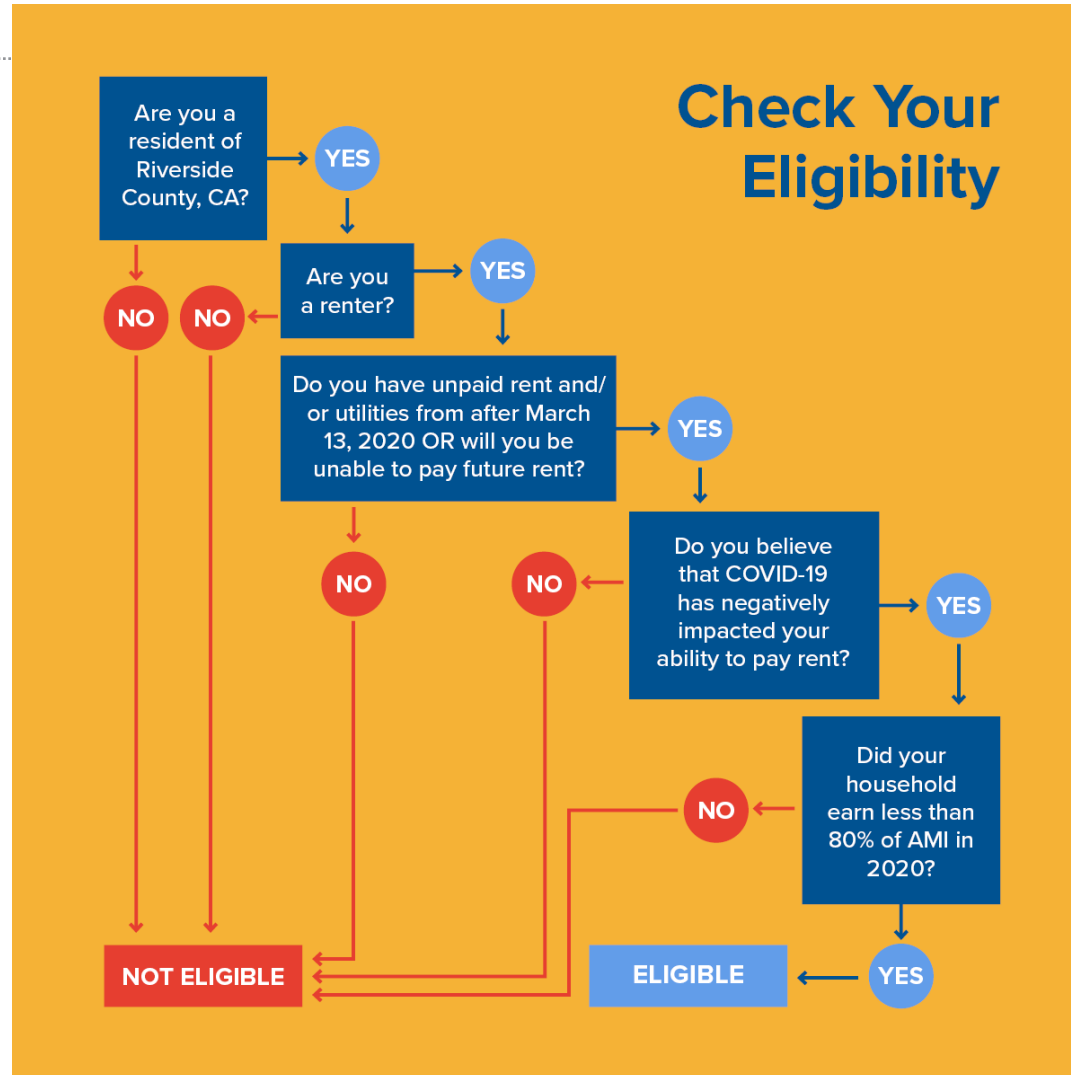
Who is prioritized for assistance?

The federal guidelines attached to the funding for the United Lift program require that assistance be prioritized for:

Households with incomes less than 50% of area median income

Households with one or more adults that have not been employed during the 90 days prior to submitting their application

Check the tenants General Eligibility



Check your Income Eligibility



Did your household earn less than 80% of AMI in 2020? You may be eligible for United Lift Rental Assistance!

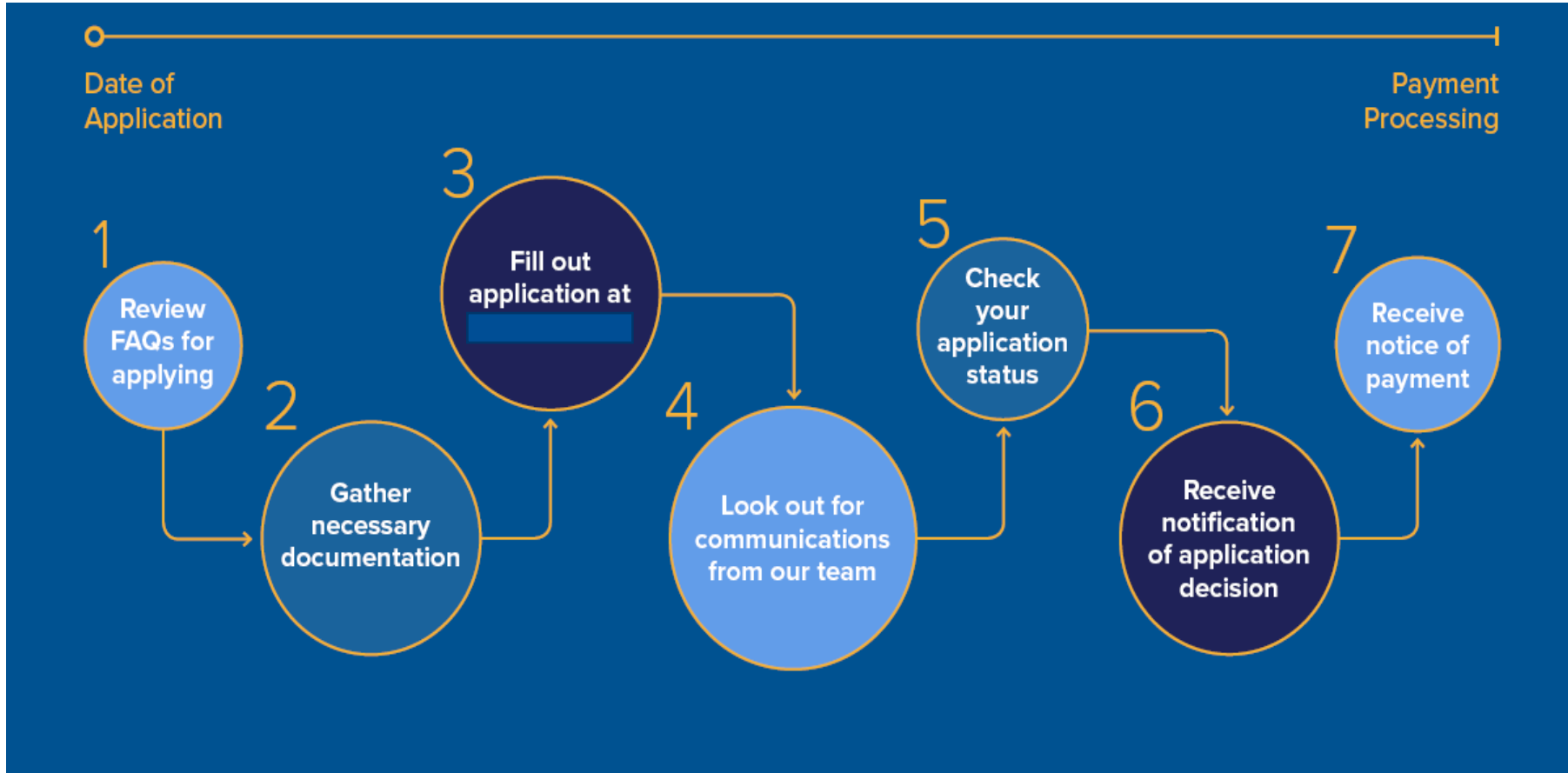
- Find your household size in the first column
- Compare your 2020 household income to the 80% AMI figure in the second column. If you earned less than that before taxes, you meet the income eligibility requirement.
- Compare your 2020 household income to the 50% AMI figure in the third column. If your household earned less than that before taxes, your application will be prioritized.

Number of Persons in Household	Maximum 2020 Household Income for Eligibility (80% AMI)	Maximum 2020 Household Income for Priority Application (50% AMI)
1	\$42,200	\$26,400
2	\$48,200	\$30,150
3	\$54,250	\$33,900
4	\$60,250	\$37,650
5	\$65,100	\$40,700
6	\$69,900	\$43,700
7	\$74,750	\$46,700
8	\$79,550	\$49,700

Required Documentation

- Form of identification
- Copy of a current lease agreement
- Proof of COVID-19 impact or related loss of income
- Landlord's phone number and email address
- Proof of 2020 household income

Rental Assistance Application Process



How can I help my tenant(s) with this program?

- If your tenant owes you unpaid rent from after March 13, 2020, you are encouraged to initiate an application on their behalf at unitedlift.org
- You should also notify your tenant(s) about the availability of rental assistance through this program so that they can apply on their own.
- In the case where they apply on their own, you are encouraged to provide your W-9 and work with program administrators as quickly as possible to ensure an expedient application review and payment processing.
- If you are interested in hosting an in-person application event at your property (minimum 20 tenants that are behind) or wish to train yourself or your staff to assist your tenant with their application, please fill out Landlord Interest Form.

Landlord Expectations

- Landlord applies through the landlord section of the application portal at unitedlift.org (NOTE - If you are the landlord for more than one rental household, you will need to submit an application form for EACH rental household).
- On the Landlord Application Form, the landlord will provide contact information for themselves and their tenant(s) and will fill out an IRS Form W-9 and a Landlord Certification Form.
- Once the landlord has completed the Landlord Application Form, their tenant will be notified by email or SMS (if phone provided) and will receive specific instructions on how to complete the tenant portion of the application.
- If the tenant consents to participate in the program by completing the tenant portion of the application, their application will be reviewed by the program administrators and either approved or denied for rental assistance based on the program's eligibility requirements.
- If the application is approved, ISCUW sends the rental assistance payment directly to the landlord

Community Engagement

How can you help?

- Host a Pop-Up Event in your community
- Volunteer or volunteer staff at one of our pop-up events
- Support outreach efforts
 - Flyers at your location
 - Invite ISCUW team to flyer community events
 - Convene/host an info session for your community/residents
- Spread the word (using the social media toolkit)



THANK YOU.

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