

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM / AB 832 EVICTION PROTECTIONS UPDATE

September 21, 2021



Agenda

Emergency Rental Assistance Program Update

- Contra Costa County Performance
- Statewide Performance and Projected Needs
- Recap of Services Available and Outreach

Statewide Eviction Protections

- AB 832 Eviction Protections effective October 1, 2021
- Modified Tenant Protections Remain in Place





Rental Assistance Update

- > \$147,427,324 for Contra Costa
 - ERAP 1: \$75,822,311
 - ERAP 2: \$71,605,012
- > as of September 14, 2021
 - 11,176 active cases
 - \$140,241,698 in relief requested
 - \$81,172,112 in relief approved
 - \$48,179,117 in relief paid
 - 4,131 cases paid
- Broader Use Categories (ERAP 2)
 - Security Deposits
 - Tenant Relocation Costs
 - Potential to braid revenue with other federal and state housing dollars

	C	Contra Costa		Los Angeles		Ventura		San Mateo		Santa Cruz	
Population		1,142,251		10,081,570		847,263		767,423		273,962	
ERAP 1 & 2 Allocations	\$	147,427,324	\$	718,144,921	\$	80,660,362	\$	98,853,722	\$	36,410,930	
Active Cases		11,176		91,438		7,257		4,798		1,583	
Relief Requested	\$	140,241,698	\$ 1	1,212,615,785	\$	73,215,780	\$	66,814,645	\$	18,322,173	
Relief Approved	\$	81,172,112	\$	418,798,763	\$	43,975,923	\$	43,576,805	\$	10,551,954	
Relief Paid	\$	48,179,117	\$	232,722,745	\$	24,777,268	\$	26,598,244	\$	4,873,501	
Cases Paid		4,131		19,030		2,195		1,843		423	
% Cases/Population		1.0%		0.9%		0.9%		0.6%		0.6%	
% Requested/Allocation		95.1%		168.9%		90.8%		67.6%		50.3%	
% Approved/Allocation		55.1%		58.3%		54.5%		44.1%		29.0%	
% Paid/Allocation		32.7%		32.4%		30.7%		26.9%		13.4%	
% Cases Paid/Active Cases		37.0%		20.8%		30.2%		38.4%		26.7%	

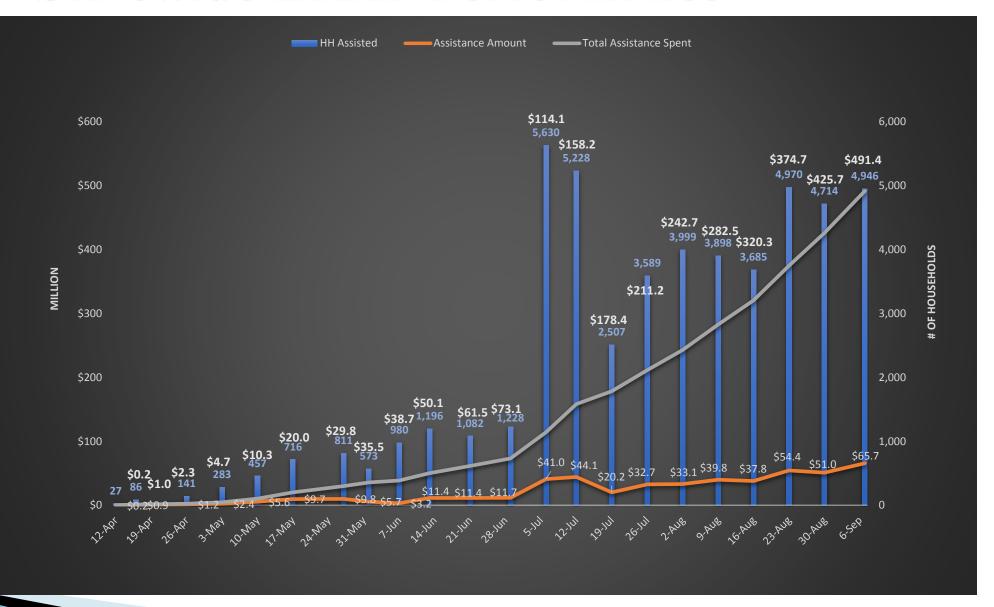
as of 9/14/21



Key Takeaways:

- Cumulative program payments have grown exponentially
- Program has matured significantly over last 6 months
- 3. AB 832 increased reimbursement from 80% to 100% of unpaid rent and utilities

Statewide ERAP Performance

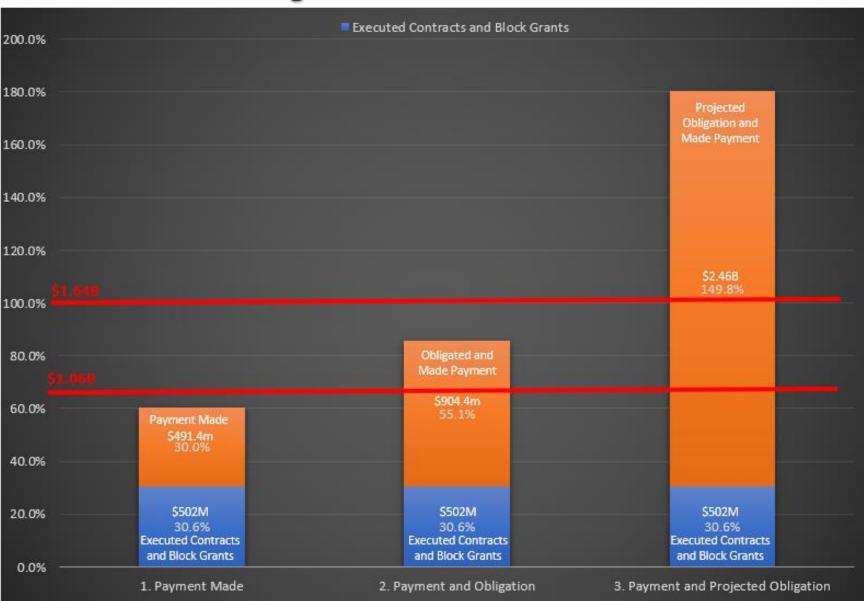




Statewide Projected Needs

Key Takeaways:

- Jurisdictions that have not obligated 65% of ERAP 1 funds by September 30, 2021 risk having funds reallocated to other jurisdictions
- 2. The State has met Federal requirements to pay or obligate 65% of ERAP 1 funds by September 30, 2021
- 3. The State (and the County) are well positioned to receive a reallocation of ERAP 1 funds from the Treasury





ERAP Local Providers

State Funded Providers

Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment Institute

Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond

East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation

International Rescue Committee, Inc.

Jakara Movement

Monument Impact

Northern California Land Trust

Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services

San Francisco Housing Development Corp

Shelter Inc.

YMCA of the East Bay

A local organization can help you apply for rent and utility relief!



Don't have a computer or internet access?



Need help filling out an application?



Need assistance in another language?

Call 833-687-0967 to schedule an appointment or visit HousingIsKey.com.

CA COVID-19 Local Partner RENT RELIEF Network

County Funded Providers

Able Community Development Foundation

Aspiranet – Antioch/Delta First Five

Aspiranet – East County First Five

Beat the Streets

Choice In Aging

City of Richmond Rent Program

Contra Costa Family Justice Alliance

Contra Costa Crisis Center

Collaborising

Healthy & Active Before 5

Lions Center for the Visually Impaired

Monument Impact

New Life Movement

Northern California LAND Trust

One Accord

SparkPoint Contra Costa

The Latina Center

Vision Y Compromisos

West Coast Center for Victorious Youth



County Outreach

- ► County website 8,078 referrals to State Rent Relief websites (click throughs) through September 15, 2021
 - Website banners at top of contracosta.ca.gov urls
 - ERAP News Flash listing
 - Eviction and Rent Freeze Ordinance FAQ page
- ▶ 140,000+ ERAP postcards mailed to County social service program clients
- ▶ 35,000+ Rent Relief messages played on County EHSD wait lines to unique callers monthly in English and Spanish



Contra Costa Crisis Center / 211

03/30/2021 - 06/30/2020

Grand Total	1985
Legal Services: Landlord/Tenant Services	394
Housing: Rental Assistance	1488
Housing: Eviction Assistance	103
Issues	
Total Calls	671

> Top 5 Referrals:

- 1. Season of Sharing Contra Costa County CCC EHSD (344)
- 2. Eviction Prevention Shelter, Inc. (221)
- 3. California COVID-19 Rent Relief (219)
- 4. Concord Family Service Center Catholic Charities of the East Bay (134)
- 5. COVID-19 Assistance Catholic Charities (117)





AB 832 Eviction Protections

- > Statewide and County eviction moratoria end on September 30, 2021
- > Significant Statewide eviction protections take effect beginning October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for those impacted by COVID-19.

> Landlord Responsibilities:

- ➤ Prior to a Landlord filing an eviction complaint with the Court, the Landlord must have:
 - ➤ Provided a "3 Day Notice to Pay or Quit", including information about how to apply to the statewide rental assistance program;
 - ➤ Submitted a completed application for rental assistance on behalf of the Tenant (if Tenant has not already applied); AND
 - The application must have been denied.



AB 832 Eviction Protections

> Tenant Responsibilities:

- A household with unpaid rent must show proof it has applied for rent relief and are waiting to find out if assistance will be approved.
- If a Landlord completed a rent relief application on behalf of the Tenant, the Tenant must complete their portion of the application within 15 business days of receipt from the State

Court Responsibilities:

- > The Court is not allowed to issue judgement until it finds:
 - 1. A Landlord completed their application for rental assistance prior to filing the complaint; AND
 - 2. The Landlord's application was denied because:
 - ➤ 1. The Tenant was ineligible for the program;
 - > 2. No more rental assistance funds were available; OR
 - ➤ 3. The Tenant failed to complete their portion of the application within 15 business days of the Landlord completing their portion.



Recommendations

- 1. ADOPT Resolution No. 2021/293 approving and authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency for administration of the County's allocation of federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 funds.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter in support of a reallocation of unused federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program 1 funds by the U.S. Treasury from jurisdictions outside of California to the State of California, including for the benefit of Contra Costa County as an Option A partner in the State Emergency Rental Assistance Program.



Questions

Get 100% of your rent and utilities paid.

The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program is an official State of California sponsored program.

Apply Now: HousingIsKey.com or call 833-430-2122



Previous applicants will be further compensated to reach 100%. No need to reapply!

