



# CITY OF IRVINE

# RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The City of Irvine has committed \$2,000,000 in one-time federal CARES Act funding to create the Rental Assistance Program. This program is only available to residential renters, and will exclude commercial, industrial or other types of business-related tenants.

Residents can apply for one of two grants:

- A maximum one-time \$1,000 grant to provide 1,000 households with assistance to pay lease termination fees.
- A maximum one-time \$1,000 grant to provide 1,000 households with rental payment assistance.

## DO I QUALIFY?

To qualify for participation in the Rental Assistance Program, residential renters must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a residential renter in the City of Irvine.
- Must have a valid lease (verification via lease or proof of rent payment history).
- Renter must demonstrate a financial hardship as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Must not have received other rental assistance from any governmental agency, including rental assistance/lease termination fee funding as part of the first round of this rental assistance program.

## HOW TO APPLY

The application period will open on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 8 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 2, 2020.

The application will be available at [cityofirvine.org](https://cityofirvine.org) beginning Monday, September 21, 2020 at 8 a.m.

The program is funded with federal CARES Act funding that is expected to be disbursed by the State of California. Eligible households will be funded as State money comes in.

The City of Irvine will be able to assist an estimated 250 applicants through the Rental Assistance Program.

## RECIPIENT SELECTION

Upon closure of the application period, a lottery system will be used to select grant recipients in order to provide equitable access for all Irvine renters. The City will pay the \$1,000 rental assistance or lease cancellation grants directly to landlords for the eligible participants selected through the lottery. The lottery will be conducted on or around October 5, 2020 and complete applications will be reviewed for eligibility immediately.

For more information, call 949-724-6185 during regular business hours or email [RentalAssistance@cityofirvine.org](mailto:RentalAssistance@cityofirvine.org).

