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City Provides COVID-19 Rent/Mortgage Assistance to Residents

MENIFEE— With a focus on supporting residents, the City of Meniffee has dedicated federal CARES Act funds to help eligible residents pay up to six months of past due rent or mortgage due to COVID-19 hardships and are accepting applications until funds are exhausted on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is a one-time grant and funds will be sent directly to the rental or mortgage company. The renter or homeowner must be behind on their payment with the additional qualification requirements:

- Must be a City of Meniffee resident
- Have a household income at or below 80% of the area median income, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Inability to pay rent or mortgage due to a temporary job loss, reduced work hours or other income hardships caused by COVID-19
- Have not received assistance from any other source for the same period of time as requested through this program
- Household income eligibility is as follows:

Household Income Eligibility

Persons per Household	Maximum Income Limits
1	\$42,250
2	\$50,600
3	\$56,900
4	\$63,200
5	\$68,300
6	\$73,350
7	\$78,400
8	\$83,450

Residents are encouraged to fill out the Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program Application if the above qualifications are met. Interested parties may contact the City's Consulting Program Assistant Administrators directly – Millie Grape at millie.grape@mbakerintl.com or Kristine Gaa at kristine.gaa@mbakerintl.com.

One program recipient shared, "We are so grateful to the City of Meniffee that they are helping struggling renters and homeowners during this pandemic. It means so much to our family to get that help and we want to thank everyone involved for their hard work and professionalism." Others echoed this sentiment and said that they will be "forever grateful" to staff and the City of Meniffee who have helped them and so many others.



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“The City is pleased to offer the rent/mortgage assistance program to our residents. COVID-19 has created significant impacts to our community and this program provides critical relief to renters and homeowners who have been directly impacted by the pandemic,” said City Manager Armando G. Villa. “Supporting our residents during these unprecedented times aligns with our commitment to provide essential services to improve the quality of life of our community.”

For more information, or to access the application/guidelines, please visit the City’s website at <https://www.cityofmenifee.us/162/Menifee-Housing-Programs>. Residents may also contact Edna I. Lebrón in the Community Development Department at (951) 723-3713 or elebron@cityofmenifee.us.

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 100,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing, and convenient proximity to some of Southern California’s premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee’s business, retail, and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community’s character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city’s strong financial position. Menifee’s growing family-oriented population values the city’s ongoing commitment to public safety, community events, and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city’s strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state’s most promising new cities.*