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Help Still Available Through the Rental and Mortgage Assistance Grant Program

Residents with past due rent or mortgage resulting from COVID-19 hardships may be eligible to receive assistance through the City of Meniffee's grant program funded by the federal CARES Act.

MENIFEE, CA – Meniffee residents still struggling due to COVID-19 financial impacts may be eligible to receive monetary relief through the City of Meniffee's Rental and Mortgage Assistance Grant Program (RMAG).

RMAG provides rental and mortgage assistance grants to low- and moderate-income individuals and families economically impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic through job loss, furlough, or reduction in hours or pay. The program will cover past due rent or mortgage payments as a one-time grant – up to a maximum of \$9,000 per household – with a direct payment to the landlord or homeowners' mortgage servicer. The program is free and the funds do not need to be repaid.

"The COVID-19 pandemic presented challenges and we understand that some of our residents continue to face economic impacts as a result," said Community Development Director Cheryl Kitzerow. "This program, funded by the CARES Act, is intended to help those in need by providing them with much-needed financial relief."

To qualify for RMAG, applicants must be a Meniffee resident, must not have received assistance from any other source during the same time period, and be able to demonstrate that they have an inability to pay rent or mortgage due to a temporary job loss, reduced work hours or other income hardship caused by COVID-19. Additionally, applicants must have a household income at or below 80% of the area median income as shown below:

Number of Persons in Household:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
At or Below (80%) Income Limits	\$49,300	\$56,350	\$63,400	\$70,400	\$76,050	\$81,700	\$87,300	\$92,950

Information on eligibility requirements and how to apply for the program are available at <https://www.cityofmeniffee.us/RMAC>.

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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 premier 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.*