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# DO YOU KNOW A COSTA MESA RESIDENT WHO NEEDS RENTAL ASSISTANCE?

## MERCY HOUSE CAN HELP.

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THOSE WHO QUALIFY  
MAY RECEIVE 3-6  
MONTHS OF RENTAL  
ASSISTANCE

ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS (INDIVIDUAL/FAMILIES THAT ARE HOMELESS OR AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS) MUST LIVE, WORK, OR GO TO SCHOOL IN COSTA MESA AND INCOME MUST BE BELOW 50% AMI TO QUALIFY.

FY 2023 INCOME LIMIT CATEGORY	PERSONS IN FAMILY							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
VERY LOW (50%) INCOME LIMITS (\$)	50,250	57,400	64,600	71,750	77,500	83,250	89,000	94,750

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# ¿CONOCE A UN RESIDENTE DE COSTA MESA QUE NECESITE ASISTENCIA PARA EL ALQUILER?

MERCY HOUSE PUEDE AYUDAR.

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AQUELLOS QUE CALIFICAN PUEDEN RECIBIR DE 3-6 MESES DE ASISTENCIA DE ALQUILER

LOS HOGARES ELEGIBLES (INDIVIDUOS/FAMILIAS SIN HOGAR O EN RIESGO DE QUEDARSE SIN HOGAR) DEBEN VIVIR, TRABAJAR, O IR A LA ESCUELA EN COSTA MESA Y LOS INGRESOS DEBEN ESTAR POR DEBAJO DE 50% DE AMI PARA CALIFICAR.

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## Costa Mesa ARPA Rental Assistance Program Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is the Costa Mesa Rental Assistance Program?

- The Costa Mesa ARPA Rental Assistance Program, operated by Mercy House is a program that provides financial assistance in the form of a rent subsidy payment. This program seeks to fill the gaps for those who have experienced a financial setback and need rental assistance.

### 2. What are the eligibility criteria?

- Live, work, or go to school in the Incorporated City of Costa Mesa
- Have a current residential lease/rental agreement in the City of Costa Mesa
- Tenant has been current on previous rental payments and in otherwise good standing with all terms of their lease or rental agreement.
- Tenant must demonstrate regular monthly payments on time prior to requesting rental assistance
- Total household income shall not exceed Moderate Income Limits (50% AMI)

FY 2023 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income <a href="#">Click for More Detail</a>	FY 2023 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine, CA HUD Metro FMR Area	\$127,800	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) <a href="#">Click for More Detail</a>	50,250	57,400	64,600	<b>71,750</b>	77,500	83,250	89,000	94,750
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* <a href="#">Click for More Detail</a>	30,150	34,450	38,750	<b>43,050</b>	46,500	49,950	53,400	56,850
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) <a href="#">Click for More Detail</a>	80,400	91,850	103,350	<b>114,800</b>	124,000	133,200	142,400	151,550

- Households must demonstrate a documented substantial financial hardship, due to health, employment, out-of-pocket medical expenses and/or school/childcare closures as evidenced by the following:
  - Self-Declaration
  - Termination of employment Notice
  - Payroll Check or Pay Stubs

- Bank Statements
- Medical Bills
- Signed Letter from Employer explaining applicant's changed financial circumstances
- Unemployment Award Letter
- Self-Certification of applicant's inability to pay the next month's rent

### **Ineligible Applicants**

- Tenants that do not meet criteria above
- Tenants that receive rental assistance from another rental assistance program including HUD section 8 after March 31, 2020
- Tenants that are immediate relatives, through blood or marriage with landlord or property owner

### **3. How much is the payment?**

- Each household is eligible for assistance up to a maximum of 6 months of past due, partial, or full rent
- Mercy House will determine the amount provided to each eligible household using a Gap Analysis Tool and based on the maximum allowable rent payment per the Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) payment standards.
- All assistance is contingent on the availability of funds.
- All payments are issued directly to the landlord.
- Assistance is provided on a first come, first serve basis until funds run out.

### **4. Will individuals who received Costa Mesa ARPA Rental Assistance have to pay the money back?**

- No. This is not a loan; it is a grant and will not have to be paid back.
- However, if we discover that a recipient has falsified documents or has somehow defrauded the program, the money will need to be repaid.

### **5. Will I have to pay 2022 taxes on this money?**

- No, the assistance is not income and will not be taxed.
- The payment will not affect income for purposes of determining eligibility for other Federal Government assistance or benefits.

### **6. How will I get the money?**

- Costa Mesa ARPA Rental Assistance will be distributed directly to landlords.

### **7. How can I apply?**

- Please contact:

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to be placed on the interest list. Application materials will be provided to you to complete once you are next on the list.

**8. What is the application review and approval process?**

- Applicants that have submitted all required supporting documentation will be considered for assistance. Applications will be reviewed for completeness of application, submission of required documentation, and eligibility. Selected applicants who have submitted complete applications, submitted all required supporting documentation, and are deemed eligible will be qualified to receive assistance.
- If your application is selected Mercy House staff will email you (if you have provided an email address) or send you a letter (via USPS) informing you whether you have been approved or denied.

**9. What happens after I am approved for assistance?**

- A staff member will complete a Gap Analysis to determine the amount of assistance that you may be qualified for based on need.
- A Mercy House staff member will establish an agreement directly with your landlord to accept the rental assistance from Mercy House on your behalf.

**10. If I am denied assistance, can I appeal the decision?**

- Yes. Applicants have the right to make a written request within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a denial notice to request a meeting to discuss your ineligibility status. Send your inquiry to the attention of our Chief Operations Officer at Mercy House P.O. Box 1905, Santa Ana, CA, 92702 or [timothyh@mercyhouse.net](mailto:timothyh@mercyhouse.net).
- The appeals process is to be used to dispute denied participation or termination from the program. It is not an opportunity to submit missing documentation that was required to be submitted as part of the initial application.
- If an applicant is successful in their appeal, their ability to receive assistance will depend on whether any Costa Mesa ARPA Rental Assistance Program funds are available on the date of the appeal decision. A successful appeal decision does not guarantee receipt of assistance.