City of Long Beach Now Accepting Applications for New Rental Assistance Program

The City of Long Beach Development Services Department is now accepting applications from landlords and tenants for the Long Beach Emergency Rental Assistance Program (LB-ERAP), the new program that was established under the Long Beach Recovery Act approved last month by the City Council.

LB-ERAP, funded through the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, is designed to assist landlords and income-eligible tenants who have experienced financial loss or hardship due to COVID-19 through rental assistance. The program will serve to implement the tenant protection laws enacted by the State of California. LB-ERAP was established to provide assistance exclusively to landlords and tenants in Long Beach and is separate from the State’s rental assistance program. Applicants should not apply to the State program if the unit for which they are seeking assistance for is located in Long Beach.

Applications may be submitted via an online information and service portal that can be found at longbeach.gov/erap. The application period will close on May 12, 2021, if enough applications have been received to exhaust the funding. If funding remains, the application period will be extended on a weekly basis until all available funds are obligated.

To be eligible, tenants must rent in Long Beach and meet the following criteria:

- The household has a household income at or below 80% of the area median income.
- One or more individuals within the household has experienced a financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- One or more individuals within the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

Eligible landlords who participate in LB-ERAP can get reimbursed for 80% of an eligible tenant’s unpaid rent between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, if they agree to waive the remaining 20% of unpaid rent during that specific time period.

Eligible tenants can apply for 80% of the past due rent between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, which will be paid by the City directly to their landlord. Eligible tenants whose landlords choose not to participate in the program may apply on their own and receive 25% of unpaid rent between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021.
Other program details are as follows:

- The program will prioritize households at or below 50% of the area median income.
- The program will prioritize assisting households with past due rents and lower-income tenants who have been unemployed for 90 days or more and who are at risk of housing instability.
- The program will prioritize paying outstanding past due rent and utilities before addressing future rents and utility payments.
- Landlords with one or more eligible tenants can apply to get reimbursed for 80 percent of each eligible tenant’s unpaid rent between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, if they agree to waive the remaining 20 percent of unpaid rent for that specific time period.
- If a landlord is applying on behalf of their tenant, the tenant must also complete the application and provide necessary documentation.
- If a tenant is eligible but their landlord chooses not to participate in LB-ERAP, they may apply on their own for 25 percent of the unpaid rent between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021.
- LB-ERAP will help income-eligible tenants pay utilities, both for past due bills and future payments. Tenants can also apply for up to 25 percent of their rent for up to three months of future rent.

For more information, please click HERE.

Los Angeles County in the Orange Tier

LA Country has made its move into the Orange Tier. As a result, many public health protocols for various sectors were updated, including bars, breweries, wineries, distilleries, family entertainment centers, gyms, movie theatres, restaurants, retail establishments, grocery stores, and outdoor live events. However, it is important that businesses follow the safety measures described in the protocols stated by the Los Angeles Public Health.

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Travel Advisory

The CDC and LA County continue to urge that everyone avoid non-essential travel during this time when there are significant hot spots across the country and the world with significant risk from more infectious variants.
Travelers who are fully vaccinated, meaning two weeks have passed after their second dose for Pfizer or Moderna, or after their single dose of Johnson & Johnson, can now travel and will not be required to test or quarantine upon their arrival in LA County if they do not have any COVID-19 symptoms.

Travelers who are not fully vaccinated must quarantine for 7 full days after travel if they receive a negative COVID-19 test result taken 3 to 5 days after their arrival. If a traveler does not get tested after they arrive in LA County, they must quarantine for a full 10 days.

All travelers, regardless of whether or not they are vaccinated, must self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after their arrival, and should get tested and isolate if they develop symptoms.

For more information, please click HERE.

North Long Beach Remodel Project

The City of Long Beach is going through a development stage among the various districts of the City. New investments in the City aim to revitalize and develop new project in order to create more livable spaces. A project that is currently being remodeled is located in North Long Beach. The southwest corner of Atlantic Ave and Artesia Blvd (6597 Atlantic Ave) is a commercial shopping plaza with different businesses. Projects in North Long Beach such as the Michelle Obama Library, Uptown Commons, and The Uptown have brought residents new amenities and housing opportunities. The Heller Property Group is in charge of this project, which hopes to be completed by July or August of this year.

Images of the remodel progress of the Project in the Southwest Corner of Atlantic and Artesia Blvd.
Industry Links

March Ends As The Busiest Month On Record For The Port Of Long Beach As Cargo Surge Continues

Training Program Aims To Bolster Local Goods Movement Workforce

Concessions On Long Beach’s Shores Will Open This Summer

State Looking To Continue Buying Hotels For Homeless Housing

Creating New Park Space In Long Beach ‘Not Impossible, But Challenging’

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