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### **City of Oakland Receives Millions to Support Tenants & Property Owners with Back Bills**

*Oakland, CA* – The City of Oakland’s *Keep Oakland Housed Emergency Rental Assistance Program (KOH/ERAP)* began accepting applications April 1, 2021. The program, one of two being offered to Oakland residents and property owners, targets the most vulnerable community members who are behind in rent and/or utilities.

The City is partnering with four local community-based, not-for-profit organizations – Bay Area Community Services (BACS), Catholic Charities East Bay, Centro Legal de la Raza, and Eviction Defense Center – to engage with and identify potential applicants as well as to screen and process applications.

Tenants may apply to the City’s program through a single portal (linked below). Property owners are also eligible to apply for funding for unpaid rent and/or utilities on behalf of their tenants once gaining written permission from the tenants.

There are currently two rental assistance programs offered to Oakland tenants and property owners simultaneously - the City program known as *Keep Oakland Housed Emergency Rental Assistance Program (KOH/ERAP)* and the State program often referred to as *SB 91 Rental Assistance Program*. Duplicate applications to both programs is strictly prohibited, and there are distinct differences in eligibility requirements. As such, anyone who thinks they may be eligible should contact a partner agency for individual case review. See partner contact information below.

The application period for the City program opened April 1, 2021 and runs through March 31, 2022, or until funds are exhausted.

#### **The City program serves:**

- Tenants at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI) – \$65,250 for a four-person household.
- Property owners of 100% restricted affordable housing.
- KOH/ERAP is managed by the city in partnership with local partner agencies
- Visit the [City of Oakland’s website here](#) for more information on how to apply.

#### **The State program serves:**

- Tenants above 50% AMI – \$65,250 for a four-person household.
- Property owners applying for their building(s).
- The State program will pay up to 80% of rent owed; 20% must be forgiven.
- The State program, SB91 Rental Assistance Program is managed by Horne LLP and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC).
- [Visit the State website](#) here for more information on how to apply.

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## **More Information or Apply Now**

### **City of Oakland:**

- Visit the [Housing & Community Development page of the City website](#).
- Call the Housing Resource Center (510) 238-6182

### **Partner agency contact:**

- Bay Area Community Services (BACS) – (510) 899-9289
- Catholic Charities of the East Bay – (510) 860-4985
- Centro Legal de la Raza – (510) 437-1554
- Eviction Defense Center – (510) 452-4541

### **Keep Oakland Housed Emergency Rental Assistance Application:**

[Apply now](#)

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