

HOUSE NOTES

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR SECTION 8 PROPERTY OWNERS



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY RENT RELIEF PROGRAM FOR QUALIFIED LANDLORDS

The Department of Business and Consumer Affairs is pleased to announce a new program designed to help qualified landlords who have been impacted by COVID-19-related economic hardships. The Los Angeles County Rent Relief Program will provide over \$68 million in financial assistance to qualified landlords to help mitigate the negative economic impacts of the pandemic that left many tenants behind on rent.

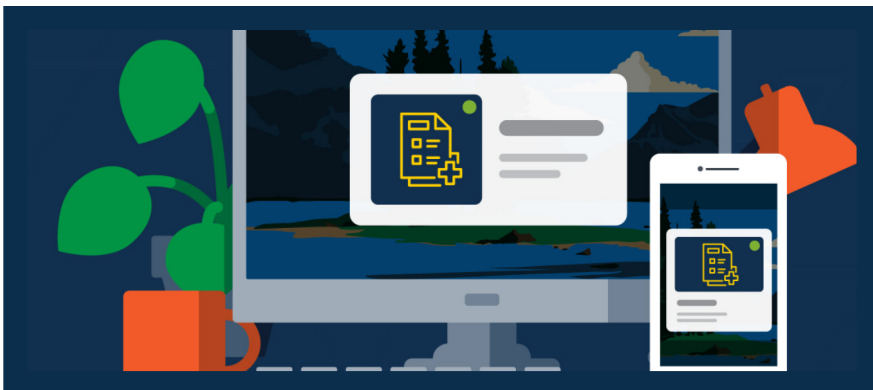
The Program will offer grants of up to \$30,000 per unit to eligible landlords for expenses dating from April 1, 2022, to the present. The Program is specifically designed with a focus on helping small, mom-and-pop landlords who own up to four rental units. Its goal is to reduce tenant evictions due to rent arrears, maintain the viability of small-scale rental businesses, and ensure availability of affordable housing in LA County.

Landlords can apply for the Los Angeles County Rent Relief Program beginning in mid-December. The application process will be easy and straightforward, and applicants will receive free multilingual technical support from community partners to guide them through the process and assist with gathering the necessary documentation. Please visit www.lacountyrentrelief.com to sign up.

More Information: lacountyrentrelief.com

Have You Joined

RENT CAFÉ?



Sign up now 24/7 access to:

- Book a Virtual Appointment
- View Housing Assistance Payments

For help signing up, or questions regarding your Rent Café Portal account, e-mail RentCafePortal@lacda.org.

If you already signed up, remember to check your e-mail frequently to ensure you don't miss notifications from the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA).

[Click here](#) to access the Rent Café Portal.



VIRTUAL OWNER ENGAGEMENT HOUR

We know You Have Questions.

We're Here To Provide Answers.

The **LACDA Owner Engagement Hour** occurs twice a month and provides owners the opportunity to ask LACDA staff about general Program questions. Expert staff will also be available to provide information on the following topics:

- Request for Tenancy Approval (RTA) Process;
- Housing Quality Standards (HQS);
- Inspections; and
- LACDA Incentives.

For additional information regarding the upcoming event, please contact us at: (626) 586-1985 or HIP@lacda.org.

JANUARY EVENT

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/41v1Z3M>

NEW CALIFORNIA LAWS



HERE ARE NEW CALIFORNIA LAWS TO KNOW ABOUT IN 2024

- **Security Deposits:** Introduced by Assemblymember Matt Haney, Assembly Bill (AB)12 would cap security deposits at one month's rent whether the unit is furnished or not.
- **Rent Control:** Introduced by Assemblyman Zbur, AB 1620 would require that tenants in rent-controlled units who have permanent disabilities related to mobility be allowed to relocate to an available and accessible unit at the same rental rate and terms.
- **Credit History:** Introduced by State Senator Susan Eggman, Senate Bill 267 prohibits the use of a person's credit history as part of the application process for a rental housing accommodation.

For more new laws enacted in the State of California, please visit <https://bit.ly/3TAqtH2>.

PROPERTY OWNERS

YOU ARE THE KEY!

TO HOUSING STABILITY

OPEN DOORS

Calling all owners! The LACDA needs your vacant units! Open Doors benefits property owners financially and provides enhanced customer services to increase the number of rental units available to subsidized families in Los Angeles County's highly competitive rental housing market.

Property owner assurances include:

- Sign-On Bonus;
- Vacancy Loss Payments;
- Damage Mitigation; and
- Peace of Mind.

Questions?

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