

If you're completing a paper application, please submit the completed application to the staff at Virginia Avenue Park or the Main Library. You may also submit your application in person during the application assistance hours:

Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Boulevard
Thursday: 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Virginia Avenue Park
Park Center Building
2200 Virginia Avenue
Tuesday: 3:00pm – 7:00pm

Applicants can also mail in paper applications to the following address:
Virginia Avenue Park
Park Center Building
2200 Virginia Avenue

Santa Monica Renter Aid Application

To qualify for Santa Monica Renter Aid, households must:

- Be currently renting in Santa Monica
- Be experiencing a housing crisis or be at risk of losing housing
- Meet income eligibility requirements (up to 120% Area Median Income)
- Priority for households at greatest risk of housing loss

Household Screening Information

Please complete the following questions about the household.

This information will be used to begin reviewing tenancy, household size, contact information and basic eligibility for Santa Monica Renter Aid. Please submit one application per household.

After completing the Santa Monica Renter Aid application, approved applicants will be required to provide documentation verifying the information provided in this application. Examples of such documentation include:

- ID (Passport, driver's license, state issued ID, resident alien card)
- Income verification
- Lease or other documentation establishing tenancy
- Notice to pay rent
- Rent ledger

Question 1. I understand that the information I share on this application will be shared with the City of Santa Monica and The People Concern for the purpose of determining eligibility for housing related resources. I also understand that if I qualify for rental assistance, The People Concern may contact my property management to coordinate payment.

☐ Yes

Question 2. Are you currently a renter in the city of Santa Monica? This includes any household that currently resides in rental housing, whether with a written lease, verbal agreement, or other informal arrangement conferring rights of tenancy.

- ☐ Yes - I currently rent a home or apartment in Santa Monica.
- ☐ No - I rent a home or apartment, but it is not located in Santa Monica
- ☐ No - I am currently experiencing homelessness and do not have a rental unit.

Question 3. IF YOU ANSWERED 'NO' TO QUESTION 2 -- You indicated that you do not currently rent a home in the City of Santa Monica. Because of this, you are not eligible for the Santa Monica Renter Aid program. Read more below.

To be eligible, the household must currently be renting a residential unit located within the city of Santa Monica, and the housing at risk of being lost must also be located within the city of Santa Monica.

If you are currently experiencing homelessness and do not have a rental unit in Santa Monica, or if your current residence is located outside the City of Santa Monica, you are not eligible for this program at this time.

We encourage you to review the additional housing and community resources below, as they may be able to provide assistance.

211 Resources <https://211la.org/resources/subcategory/housing>

Access Center <https://thepeopleconcern.org/get-help/>

Homeless Outreach <https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/>

- ☐ I understand that I do not meet the eligibility requirement for the Santa Monica Renter Aid program based on my responses. I will review the resources provided and seek additional assistance as needed.

Please review the resources provided for other assistance. Do not continue with this application. 

Question 4. What is your full legal name?

Question 5. What is your 10-digit phone number?

Question 6. Is it safe to leave a voicemail or message?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Question 7. What is your email address?

Question 8. Please select "Yes" if you have received an unlawful detainer. This means your landlord has started an eviction case in court and you may have received court papers, a hearing date, or a judgement. Select No if you have not received an unlawful detainer.

☐ Yes

☐ No
Question 9. Important eviction notice next steps

IF YOU ANSWERED 'YES' TO QUESTION 8 — You indicated that you have received an unlawful detainer (i.e., eviction case). Because of this you are being redirected to seek legal support. Read more below.

Seeking legal assistance immediately is the best way to help preserve your housing. There are strict legal deadlines for responding to an unlawful detainer – you must respond to the notice within 10 days to avoid a default eviction. For more information on the eviction process, access [this eviction process information webpage from Stay Housed LA.](#)

Because these legal procedures are outside the scope of Santa Monica Renter Aid program, you are being redirected from this application to contact the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) at (800) 399-4529 as soon as possible.

You can also access legal assistance at the Santa Monica Court House Self-Help Center (located at 1725 Main Street Room 210 Santa Monica CA 90401) during the following hours:

- Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m.
- Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- ☐ I understand that I should follow up with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles about my eviction notice to seek legal services at (800) 399-4529. Please inform the operator that you are a Santa Monica resident and find more information at <https://lafla.org/>

Please review the resources provided for other assistance. Do not continue with this application. 

Question 10. Enter Santa Monica address of the unit you are renting and are at risk of losing - street address city, state and ZIP code

Question 11. How long have you lived at your current rental address? Please provide the date you moved in or the date your current tenancy began. If you are unsure of the exact date, please provide your best estimate. Example: March 2021 or 03/15/2021

Question 12. Enter your date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Question 13. What are your pronouns?

Question 14. Which best describes your race/ethnicity?

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| ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native | ☐ Asian |
| ☐ Black or African-American | ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| ☐ White or Caucasian | ☐ Hispanic/Latino |
| ☐ Multiple Race | ☐ Other |
| ☐ Prefer not to answer | |

Question 15. Are you a U.S. Veteran?

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| ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
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Question 16. What is your preferred language?

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| ☐ English | |
| ☐ Spanish | |
| ☐ Russian | |
| ☐ Amharic | ☐ Other |

Question 17. How many adults (age 18 and older) are in the household?

Question 18. What type of income do you have? (Example: Full Time Job, Fixed Income, SSI, SSDI, CalWorks, unemployment, child support, no income)

Question 19. Do you currently have a housing voucher or rental assistance, such as section 8? Examples may include a housing choice voucher, section 8, emergency housing voucher, VASH, project based voucher, or another rental assistance program.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Question 20. Please select the agency that manages or provides your voucher or rental assistance.

- ☐ Santa Monica Housing Authority (SMHA)
- ☐ City of Santa Monica Preserving Our Diversity (POD) Program.
- ☐ Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA)
- ☐ Los Angeles County Development (LACDA)
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Not applicable

Question 21. How much do you pay for rent every month?

Question 22. Are you currently behind on rent?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Question 23. How many months are you behind on rent?

Question 24. How much back rent do you owe?

Question 25. Can your household sustain rent payments after receiving one-time assistance?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Question 26. What type of assistance are you requesting? (Select One)

- ☐ Rental Arrears ☐ Future Rent
☐ Utility Assistance ☐ Moving Costs
☐ Relocation Assistance
☐ Other

Question 27. If you selected other, please describe the type of assistance you need.

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All questions in this section must be answered before submitting the form. Please answer as accurately as possible. Providing complete information may help us review your referral more accurately. Meeting priority criteria does not guarantee assistance.

Question 28. Which best describes your current housing situation? Select one answer only.

- ☐ I am a leaseholder or tenant and may lose my housing
☐ I am staying with someone else and have been asked to leave
☐ Other

Question 29. Based on your household size, is your total household annual income at or below the income limit listed in the chart below?

- ☐ Yes - my household income is at or below the limit
- ☐ No - my household income is above the limit

AMI Income Limit by Household Size

Select Yes only if the household income is at or below the amount shown.

Household Size	Income Limit
1 Person	\$53,000
2 People	\$60,600
3 People	\$68,150
4 People	\$75,750
5 People	\$81,800
6 People	\$87,850
7 People	\$93,900
8 People	\$100,000

Question 30. Have you received a notice to pay or quit from your property manager?

- ☐ Yes, I have received a 3 day notice
- ☐ Yes, I have received a 30 day notice
- ☐ Yes, I have received a 60 day notice
- ☐ No

Question 31. Have you received a past due rent ledger or balance due statement? Select yes if you have received a paper showing the rent that you owe but have not received a notice to move out.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Question 32. Has your housing stability been impacted by federal immigration enforcement actions?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Question 33. Has your household had a temporary financial hardship that has contributed to your current housing crisis?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question 34. Does anyone in the household have any prior evictions on their record?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question 35. Have you experienced homelessness in the past 3 years? Being homeless means lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. It encompasses a wide range of living situations beyond just sleeping on the streets, including living in emergency shelters, transitional housing, cars, or temporarily staying with others due to financial hardship (often called "couch surfing")

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question 36. Is your household currently involved with Adult Protective Services, Child Protective Services or a similar support agency?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question 37. Have you or anyone in the household have a history of involvement in the foster care system or criminal justice system?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question 38. In the past 6 months, have you been discharged from a hospital, jail, prison psychiatric facility, treatment program, or similar institution?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question 39. Do you or anyone in the household have a disability or health condition that makes it harder to secure or keep housing? (i.e., physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; or is regarded as having such an impairment)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question 40. Do you have any children under the age of 18?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question 41. Are you over the age of 65?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Question 42. Are you between the ages of 18-25?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Documents - If enrolled please gather the following documents.

If you are selected for a screening interview, you may be required to provide documents that verify your identity, income, rental housing, and housing crisis before enrollment into the Santa Monica Renter Aid program. Additional documents may be requested to support receiving assistance.

Question 43. If you are selected for a screening interview, please select all the documents that you already have or can provide. You do not need to upload any documents at this time.

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| ☐ Notice to Pay or Quit | ☐ Current Signed Lease |
| ☐ Proof of identification statement) | ☐ Proof of Income (pay stubs, benefits letter, bank statement) |
| ☐ Rental Ledger | ☐ None of the Above |

Question 44. Is there anything else you would like us to know about your housing situation before your submitting your application?

Question 45. Please Indicate who completed this application

- ☐ I completed this application myself.
- ☐ I completed this application with assistance from another person.
- ☐ Someone assisted you or completed the application on your behalf

Question 46. If someone assisted you or completed the application on your behalf, please provide their name and relationship to you. Write N/A if you did not receive assistance completing application.

Question 47. By writing your full name below you certify that all information provided on this form is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.
