



REPORT

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ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the San Diego Housing Commission
For the Agenda of June 10, 2022

SUBJECT: Workshop & Discussion: City of San Diego Eviction Prevention Program

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION

An informational workshop will be presented regarding the City of San Diego Eviction Prevention Program.

No action will be taken on this item.

SUMMARY

The City of San Diego Eviction Prevention Program (EPP) helps renters with low income in the City of San Diego who are facing eviction for not paying their rent due to the financial effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

EPP is operated by Legal Aid Society of San Diego through a contract with the San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission). Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Community Development Block Grants fund this program.

EPP launched December 20, 2021, and can continue to operate through June 30, 2023. Renter households are eligible for help from EPP if they reside at a City of San Diego address; have household income at or below 80 percent of San Diego's Area Median Income (\$104,100/year for a family of four); have an obligation to pay rent; and include at least one household member who experienced a reduction of income or other financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible renter households can receive full legal representation throughout the pre-eviction and eviction process, in settlement negotiations and through trial, if necessary.

In addition, limited legal services are available for eligible tenants through clinics, hotlines or appointments (virtual or in person), such as help with:

- Completing COVID-19-related declarations
- Submitting formal responses to eviction notices
- Formal responses to Unlawful Detainers
- Requests for reasonable accommodations.

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EPP services are available for Eligible Tenants Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., at the following locations:

- Legal Aid Society’s Southeast San Diego Office
110 S. Euclid Avenue
San Diego, CA 92114
- Legal Aid Society’s Midtown San Diego Office
1764 San Diego Avenue, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92110

Legal services clinics are available at the following locations:

- Unlawful Detainer Clinic
San Diego County Superior Court, Hall of Justice
330 W. Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101
Walk-in Hours: Monday – Friday, except court holidays, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Landlord Tenant Dispute Clinic
San Diego County Superior Court, Hall of Justice
330 W. Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101
Walk-in Hours: Monday –Friday, except court holidays, 8:30 a.m. – noon

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On December 6, 2021, the City Council (Agenda Item No. 201; Resolution No. R-313799) and the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego (Report No. HAR21-026; Resolution No. HA-1932) authorized the expenditure of \$5,000,000 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funds for the City of San Diego Eviction Prevention Program and the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Housing Commission and the City of San Diego for the oversight and administration of the program. The Housing Authority also approved Housing Commission agreement with Legal Aid Society of San Diego to operate the program.

Respectfully submitted,

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