

#### U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance

# CITY AND COUNTY OF

MAYOR LONDON N. BREED

April 5, 2021

#### U.S. Treasury ERA Funds

- Cities/counties with >200,000 received a direct allocation; State received a separate allocation
  - Direct allocation: \$26.2M
  - State's allocation: \$1.5B (\$28.2M reserved for eligible San Francisco households)

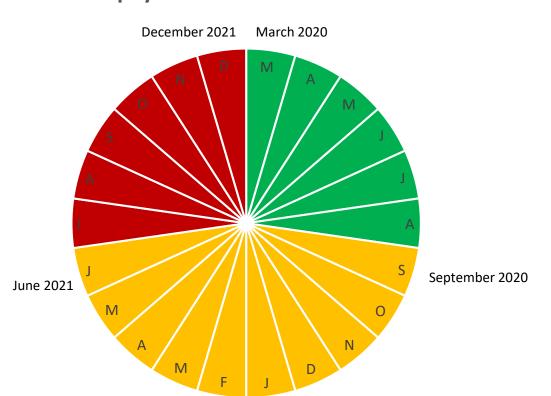
• Spending deadline: September 30, 2022

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#### U.S. Treasury ERA Overarching Guidelines

- Up to 15 months of rental assistance (March 13, 2020 September 30, 2022)
  - Prospective rental assistance up to 3 months at a time
- ≦80% AMI <u>and</u> COVID-19-related housing instability
   Priority: ≦50% AMI or 90+ days unemployed
- Payments to third parties (landlords, utilities, etc.)
  - Direct-to-tenant payments <u>only if</u> landlord is unresponsive or uncooperative

#### Nonpayment Eviction Protections SB 91



**Nonpayment Eviction Protections** 

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### Existing Housing Stabilization Program

• 81% Black and Brown

- 13% Black and 68% Brown

- 96% Extremely low and very low income
  - 87% ELI & 9% VLI (≦30% & 50% AMI, respectively)
- 49% past homelessness
- 56% families with children
- 71% primary language spoken at home not English

## City's Program

- **To apply**: ≦80% AMI and COVID-19-related housing instability
- To be selected: based on vulnerability factors most predictive of homelessness & housing instability and equity factors
- Low barrier: self-attestation to the maximum extent possible
- Financial assistance: 3 months back rent plus 3 months forward rent, with a focus on April 2021 and subsequent months

## City's Program

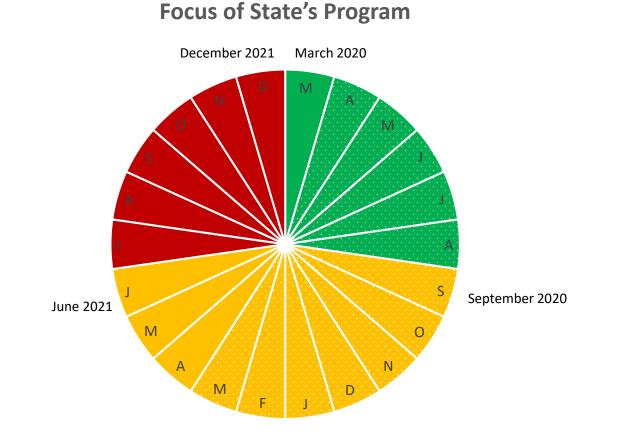
- <u>Uses evidence-based targeting</u> to assist our most vulnerable tenants
- <u>Designed to keep tenants in their homes</u> by leveraging eviction protections and maximizing prospective rental assistance
- Provides maximum flexibility, low barrier

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#### State's Program

- **To apply**: ≦80% AMI and COVID-19-related housing instability
- To be selected: ≦50% AMI or 90+ days unemployed
- Financial assistance:
  - 80% of unpaid rent April 2020 March 2021, if landlord forgives remaining 20%
  - 25% of unpaid rent for this period, if landlord does
    <u>not</u> participate in program

#### Leveraging Rental Assistance with Eviction Protections

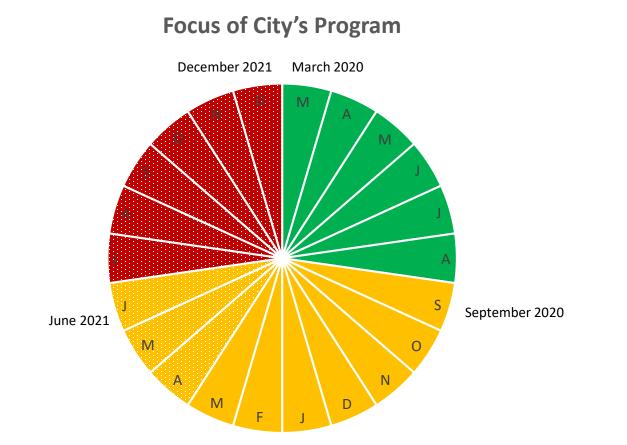


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#### Accessing City and State Funds

	City Program	State Program
Eligible Population	≦80% AMI <u>and</u> COVID-19-related housing instability	≦80% AMI <u>and</u> COVID-19-related housing instability
Target Population	Most vulnerable tenants based on vulnerability and equity factors	≦50% AMI or 90+ days unemployed then all eligible population
Target Assistance	April 2021 and beyond	April 2020-March 2021
Application Website	Will launch in May	HousingIsKey.com

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#### Accessing City Funds

#### Step 1: Apply online

- MOHCD grantees will provide application assistance in community
- Multilingual application

#### Step 2: Post-application vulnerability assessment

- <u>Meets vulnerability threshold</u>: move on to next stage of process (verification of application info.)
- <u>Does not meet vulnerability threshold</u>: does not move on and receives notification with other resources



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