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APPLICATION FOR COVID-19 RENT/UTILITY SUPPORT REOPENS

The County of Santa Cruz and community partners are pleased to announce a second round of CARES Rental Assistance Program funding.

As directed by the Board of Supervisors, the County has allocated a portion of its Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to provide housing stabilization assistance to residents of unincorporated Santa Cruz County who have lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and whose housing is at risk because they are in arrears for rent and/or utility payments.

The Santa Cruz County CARES Rental Assistance Program is limited to residents of the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County whose annual income does not exceed 80 percent of area median income (for a single-person household, income must be at or below \$74,350). Unpaid or partially paid rent and utility payments going back to April 1, 2020 are eligible up to a maximum of \$10,000 per household. Income losses must be due to COVID-19-related factors.

The deadline to apply for the second round of funding is Oct. 14, 2020. Please go to www.cabinc.org to apply.

The CARES Rental Assistance Program is being implemented by the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County Inc. (CAB) and Families in Transition (FIT). Applications can be submitted electronically or physically. Applications are available in English or Spanish.