



COVID-19 Community Assistance

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Difficult Times

- Pandemic impacting many financially
 - Performing arts groups
 - Non-profit groups
 - Residents
 - Businesses



Bank of America Performing Arts Center Rent Relief



- \$10,000 available for each of the 3 resident companies to be applied toward rent for their first shows back
- \$1,500 available for other Thousand Oaks based non-profit performing arts groups



Social Services Emergency Relief Program

- \$100,000 to fund non-profit organizations providing COVID relief
 - Up to \$10,000 to ten organizations
- Flat amount issued, rather than program based
- Intended to provide assistance; not pay for entirety of program
- For groups located in Thousand Oaks
- Community Funding Review Committee to assist with review and rating



Funding Source

Community Grants

- Social Services Grant Program – charitable health and social services
- Community Enhancement Grant Program – projects that have an environmental benefit (Solid Waste Fund)
- **Community Events Grant Program – artistic and cultural events and activities**
- **Sports Facility Grant Program – build or improve sport fields and facilities and purchase of equipment**



COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program

Purpose:

Provide financial relief to those impacted by COVID-19 by providing assistance with rent.

\$1M Funding

- Community Benefit – 299 T.O. Blvd. Project



COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program



- Financial assistance to residents impacted by COVID:
 - Laid off / working less hours
 - Unable to work due to child care/elder care needs
 - Substantial medical costs due to COVID
- Rental assistance payments made to landlord



Who is Eligible?

- Resident of Thousand Oaks
- Established need (past due rent)
- COVID financial impact
- Applicant's name must be on lease agreement
- Only one member of a household may apply
- Priority given to low income residents (under 80% AMI) and those who did not receive assistance through County Program



How Much Assistance is Provided



Assistance Amount:

Studio/1-bedroom: \$3,600

2-bedroom or larger: \$5,600

*Based on two month rent averages



How to apply

1. Applicant enters information into an online application, uploads proof of identification, and completes a Self-Certification and Release of Information
2. Once the tenant has submitted their form, an e-mail is sent to the landlord to enter information and upload a copy of the lease agreement. The Landlord completes a Property Manager/Landlord Attestation.



Prioritizing Applicants

Tier 1:

Applicants who did not receive assistance from the Ventura County Pandemic Rental Assistance Program (VCPRAP) and are low income (below 80% AMI)

Tier 2:

Applicants who received assistance from the VCPRAP and are low income (below 80% AMI)

Tier 3:

Applicants who did not receive assistance from the VCPRAP but are not low income (below 80% AMI)

Tier 4:

Applicants who received assistance from the VCPRAP and are not low income (below 80% AMI)



Considerations

- Cost of Implementation (in addition to funds distributed)
 - Software
 - Staff time
 - Advertising costs
- Reaching those who need help
 - Community partners
 - Using effective advertising
- Access to online application
 - Elderly
 - Not computer literate
 - Spanish speaking



Next Steps



- Procure Software
- Software Development
- Finalize Procedures/Documents
- Marketing Plan/Materials
- Launch Online Application
- Assist with Applications
- Review Applications
- Issue Payments



Summary

- Bank of America Performing Arts Center Rent Relief
- Social Services Emergency Relief
- COVID-19 Rental Assistance

