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Los Angeles County DCBA and The Center by Lendistry Announce Second Application Round for LA County Rent Relief Program

Applications Reopen May 20 for a Limited Time

LOS ANGELES – Following the successful completion of Round 1, the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) and The Center by Lendistry are pleased to announce the second round of the Los Angeles County Rent Relief Program (LARRP). Applications will open on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 9:00 AM PST and will close on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 4:59 PM PST. Those interested in applying can review eligibility requirements, register to receive a link to the application when it opens, and access the application directly when it is available by visiting lacountyrentrelief.com.

To better serve applicants, community partners will provide free webinars and technical assistance in multiple languages. Support services will be available daily from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM PST starting from the application opening date. Applicants from Round 1 are urged to finalize any incomplete tasks and contact the Rent Relief Customer Call Center at (877) 849-0770 for further assistance, which will help expedite processing and aid distribution.

DCBA will continue to use a prioritized review process, focusing on applications that serve vulnerable tenants and properties in areas of highest need, as identified by the <u>LA County Equity Explorer Tool</u>. After the portal opens on May 20, applicants are encouraged to apply early; however, submission of a completed application does not guarantee funding.

Originally launched December 12, 2023, LARRP continues to provide crucial financial support to landlords who have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Spearheaded by the LA County Board of Supervisors and administered by The Center by Lendistry, the program's funding will be



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providing over \$68 million in financial support to qualified landlords. Eligible landlords have been able to apply for up to \$30,000 per rental unit, covering past due rent and eligible expenses since April 1, 2022.

"Launching the second round of the LA County Rent Relief Program underscores the County's commitment to landlord and tenants, allowing us to help support the availability of stable housing options within our community," said DCBA Director Rafael Carbajal.

Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, President & CEO of The Center by Lendistry, stated, "The success of the first round of the LA County Rent Relief Program has been instrumental in delivering aid to those who need it most. As we initiate this second round, our commitment remains firm to continue supporting our local landlords and safeguarding affordable housing for tenants throughout Los Angeles County."

Since 1975, the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) has been the local consumer protection agency serving County consumers, tenants, homeowners, immigrants, and workers. DCBA provides a wide range of services that aim to foster a fair and dynamic marketplace and enhance the economic wellbeing of our communities. This includes investigating consumer fraud complaints, enforcing the County's minimum wage, tenant and worker protections, and providing access to justice programs. More information can be found at dcba.lacounty.gov or by calling (800) 593-8222.

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