



Monterey County SB91 Emergency Rental Assistance Program

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Overview:

State & Federal Assistance for Rent and Utilities

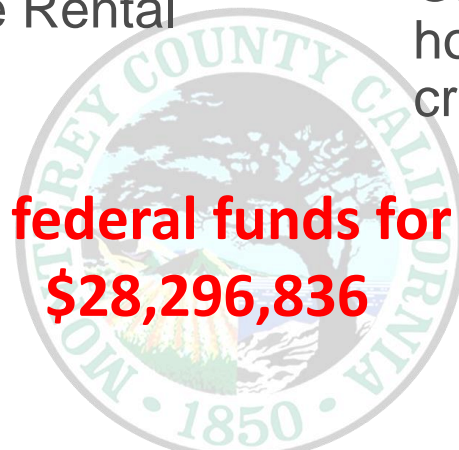
SB 91 - \$15,391,449

- Passed January 28, 2021, signed January 29
- Extends tenant and property owner protection provisions
- Provides new protections for tenants impacted by COVID-19 including debt treatment and civil procedures
- Appropriates \$1.5B for the State Rental Assistance Program

US Treasury ERAP - \$12,905,387

- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) makes available \$25 billion to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Funds provided directly to States, U.S. Territories, local governments, and Indian tribes.
- Grantees use the funds to aid eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs.

Combined state and federal funds for Monterey County:
\$28,296,836



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MC ERAP Program



Goal:

- Distribute funding to provide rental and utility assistance to eligible low-income Monterey County residents facing housing instability due to a loss or reduction of income as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

Strategies

- Partner with 13 community benefit organizations countywide to distribute assistance
- Partner with 211 Monterey County to screen and refer residents
- Utilize United Way Monterey County Smart Referral software to:
 - Build capacity & standardize process
 - Offer an online application
 - Send electronic referrals to agencies
 - Document when referrals result in assistance
 - Email residents program information
 - Enable real time reporting



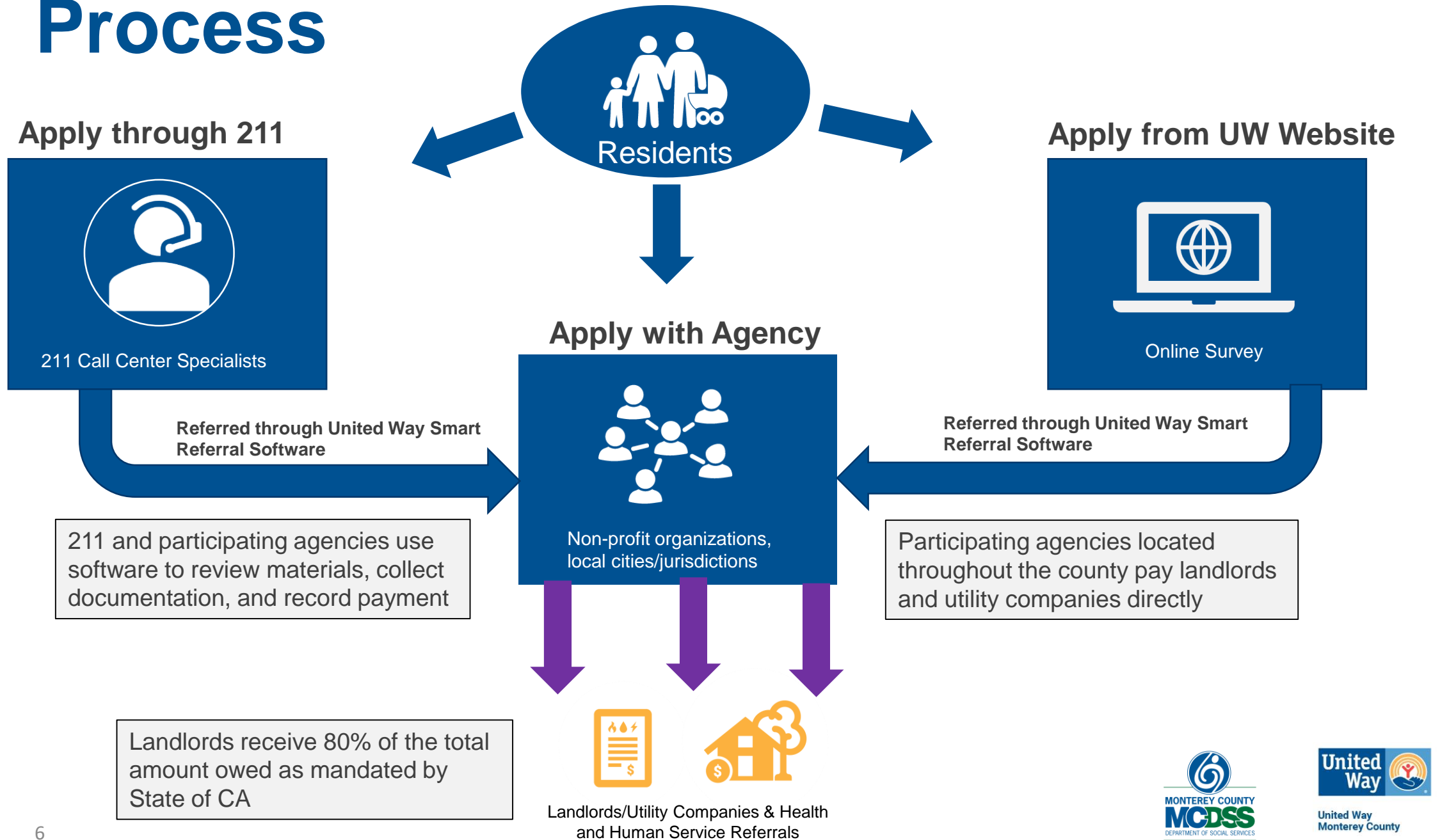
Eligibility

- Assistance is limited to applicants who have lost employment or income or incurred cost due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Families' annual income must not exceed 80 percent of the area median income(AMI), as determined by HUD. Families facing unemployment, homelessness, and at 50% AMI and below are prioritized.

Household	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People
80% AMI	\$54,250	\$62,000	\$69,750	\$77,500	\$83,700	\$89,900
50% AMI	\$33,950	\$38,800	\$43,650	\$48,450	\$52,350	\$52,650

- Must reside within Monterey County

Process



Required Documents

- Government photo ID with name and birthday (non-U.S. accepted)
- Demonstration below 80% AMI (One of the following):
 - Recent tax return
 - Recent paystub
 - W-2
 - Bank statement
 - Unemployment award/benefit
 - Hour reduction/layoff notice from employer
 - Completion of self-certification annual income form
- Lease or Landlord Letter
- Utility Bill
- Landlord's Address and W9 Tax Info

Benefits

- Max 12 months of assistance per household
- Eligible utilities include water, sewer, trash, electric, gas
- Up to 3 months of assistance can be for future rent payments
- Landlords must accept 80% of rent and forgive the remaining 20% as mandated by the State

Key Program Dates

- Program Start: March 15th, 2021
- State Spending Deadline: August 1, 2021
- Federal Spending Deadline: December 31, 2021

Participating Partners

Agency
City of Gonzales
Central Coast Energy Services
Goodwill Central Coast
City of King
Monterey Peninsula College
Hartnell College
City of Salinas
City of Soledad
City of Greenfield
City of Seaside
Salvation Army
City of Monterey
North Monterey County Recreation & Park District
United Way Monterey County



Reporting & Marketing

Real Time Reporting:

- Number of inquiries received
- Number of inquires resulting in assistance to rent and/or utility
- Amount of assistance provided for rent and utility
- Assistance disaggregated by:
 - Race
 - Ethnicity
 - City
 - Zip code
 - Gender
 - Age
 - Income

County-Wide Media Campaign

- Presentation to Board of Supervisors
- Press Release
- Social Media and Partner Outreach
- Spanish & English

THANK YOU.