

## HOUSING RESOURCES

### **Milpitas Assistance Program:**

The Milpitas Assistance Program provides discounts on City-run Recreation programs; bi-monthly water utility bills; and residential building permit fees if you need to replace your water heater, furnace, or air conditioner.

(408) 586-3405

<http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/MAP>

### **PG&E CARE or FERA Utility Discount Programs:**

PG&E CARE and FERA programs offer discounts on gas and electricity service.

(866) 743-2273

<https://pge.com/>

### **Milpitas Below Market Rate Program:**

The City of Milpitas Below Market Rate (BMR) Program is designed to assist very-low, low- and moderate-income households in becoming homeowners.

(408) 586-3269

### **Project Sentinel:**

Project Sentinel educates housing providers and tenants about fair housing laws and administers the City of Milpitas Rent Review Program.

(408) 946-6582

<https://www.housing.org/>

## CONTACT US

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# City of Milpitas

## Rent Relief Program



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
SILICON VALLEY INDEPENDENT  
LIVING CENTER

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

At the October 15, 2019 City Council meeting, the Milpitas City Council approved a Pilot Rent Relief Program, intended to provide various forms of financial assistance to Milpitas residents and families experiencing emergency housing needs.

In July 2020, the Rent Relief Program continued with HUD CDBG-CV funding and now focuses on assisting low-income residents who have been adversely affected by the pandemic with back-rent owed or one-time emergency rent payment.

The City has partnered with the Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC), a local non-profit, to facilitate service to Milpitas community members in need. This includes the application process, eligibility screening, case review and service coordination, determination, and payment.

Individuals can reach out to SVILC directly or be referred to the program by a case manager, partnering social services agency, or by the Milpitas Unified School District.

For questions about eligibility and screening, please contact the Silicon Valley Independent Living Center:

(408)-894-9041    [Housing911@svilc.org](mailto:Housing911@svilc.org)

## TYPES OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

**The Rent Relief Program provides eligible recipients relief funding for:**

- Rent/Deposit Relief
- Emergency Hardship Relief
- Eviction Prevention
- Domestic Violence Relocation
- Child & Family Homelessness Relief
- Section 8 Good Faith Deposits

The maximum amount of relief provided is \$5,000 per household per year. Foster children, homeless families with school age children, and victims of domestic violence are not subject to the maximum amount. The amount of relief approved will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Relief is provided in the form of grants that are paid directly to the landlord.



## ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

**Eligible recipients include the following:**

- Students attending Milpitas Unified who are experiencing homelessness
- Seniors who are age 55 and older
- Disabled individuals
- Victims of domestic violence
- Emancipated foster youth and unaccompanied minors
- Individuals living in Subsidized Housing, including Section 8
- Other residents experiencing a high cost of living, on a case-by-case basis

The eligible recipient must be able to demonstrate that they have been a resident of Milpitas for at least six months. Exceptions may be considered for emergency situations on a case-by-case basis. Eligible recipients must provide verification that their household income falls below 80% of the HUD income limits.

