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**A Message from our Friends at
the Paso del Norte
Community Foundation**



**Round 2 of EP Rent Help Program is
Now Open**

*PDN Community Foundation, Partners Begin
Verifying \$1.3M in First Round of Rental Assistance*

The Paso del Norte Community Foundation and its partners have begun verifying more than \$1.3 million in first round rental assistance applications submitted through the EP Rent Help Program. Applications for a second round of funding are now being accepted at [EPRentHelp.org](https://www.eprenthelp.org).

Landlord enrollment and landlord-tenant applications are due by 11:59 pm MDT on Sunday, August 16, 2020. Round 2 applications will be considered on a priority basis and as funds are available.

[More information](#)

“We’ve heard from many landlords and tenants that the need for rental assistance to avoid evictions continues including help now for August rent,” said Tracy Yellen, CEO of the Paso del Norte Community Foundation. “By keeping the application portal open for the next round of funding, the program is able to extend benefits to El Pasoans who need it most as funds are available.”

The first payments to eligible landlords who submitted during Round 1 are in the process of being paid. Payments will continue to roll out on a weekly basis.

The program, funded by the City of El Paso with funding from the federal CARES Act, will provide rental assistance to landlords on behalf of tenants who are at risk of eviction due to financial hardships caused by COVID-19. Participation is limited to tenants within the City of El Paso.

The EP Rent Help program prioritizes assistance for renters in our community who are at the greatest risk for losing their homes; once those needs have been met, other applications will be considered. The program goes further, though, by requiring participating landlords to give eligible tenants a 10 percent discount on past due rent, to provide qualifying tenants credit for any partial rent payments which they’ve previously made, and to cap some late fees.

Payments will be made directly to participating landlords via ACH (automated clearing house) payment. See the list of landlords whose eligibility has been verified by clicking [here](#). Landlords who are eligible to

participate must also submit a joint landlord-tenant application for assistance.

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