

## **Household Assistance Program Options for Implementation**

The Local COVID-19 Relief Program contemplates the allocation of \$100,000 to a Household Assistance Program. This program is intended to provide financial relief to Beaumont households who have experienced economic hardships related to job loss, furlough, or significant reduction of income due to the pandemic.

City staff has developed two program options for City Council consideration and is requesting direction. Final program details will be presented to the City Council for final action at its meeting of September 8, 2020.

### **Option 1 – Household Rental or Mortgage Assistance**

Intent – Provide direct payment to landlord or mortgage companies on behalf of grant recipients to be applied to overdue rent or mortgage payments.

#### **1. Eligibility**

- a. Beaumont Address Must be Primary Place of Residency
  - i. Utility Bill (City sewer, BCVWD, SoCalGas Bill)
  - ii. Driver's License/Cal ID
  - iii. Redacted Bank Statement
  - iv. Other Forms of Verification
- b. Have a Current Lease Agreement that Extends Through December 31, 2020
  - i. Applicant Must be Named on Lease Document
  - ii. Applicant Must Provide Evidence of Outstanding Rental Payments Owed
- c. Have a Current Mortgage
  - i. Applicant Must be a Signatory on the Mortgage
  - ii. Applicant Must Provide Evidence of Outstanding Mortgage Payments Owed
- d. Household Income is 50% or Less of the Riverside County Median Income
- e. Provide Documentation of Loss of Income after March 1, 2020
  - i. Copy of Personal Tax Return for 2019
  - ii. Employer Letter Documenting Furlough/Layoff
  - iii. Other Pertinent Information
- f. Limited to Late Rental/Mortgage Payments Occurring AFTER March 1, 2020
  - i. Applicant Must Have Been in Good Standing at Least One Year Prior to March 1, 2020
- g. Applicant Must be In Good Standing with the City of Beaumont
  - i. No Outstanding Code Actions
  - ii. Not Subject to Litigation, Directly or Indirectly, with the City of Beaumont
  - iii. No Outstanding Tax or Utility Payments
- h. Applicants Must Not Have Received Rental Assistance Through Any Other Program

#### **2. Direct Payments to Landlord/Mortgage Company**

- a. Maximum Payment of \$3,500
- b. ACH Transfer
- c. W-9 Required of Payee
- d. Late Fees/Penalties Waived for That Portion of Late Rental/Mortgage Payments Made by the City
- e. Any Eviction Processes Initiated After March 1, 2020 to be Terminated

- f. Landlord/Mortgage Company to Sign an Agreement with the City of Beaumont

### **Option 2 – Household Subsidy**

Intent – Provide direct payment to grant recipients who have either lost income or have experienced a significant reduction of income after March 1, 2020. City would not impose restrictions on the personal use of the grant funds.

#### 1. Eligibility

- a. Beaumont Address Must be Primary Place of Residency
  - i. Utility Bill (City sewer, BCVWD, SoCalGas Bill)
  - ii. Driver's License/Cal ID
  - iii. Redacted Bank Statement
  - iv. Other Forms of Verification
- b. Household Income is 25% or Less of the Riverside County Median Income
- c. Provide Documentation of Loss of Income after March 1, 2020
  - i. Copy of Personal Tax Return for 2019
  - ii. Employer Letter Documenting Furlough/Layoff
  - iii. Other Pertinent Information
- d. Applicant Must be In Good Standing with the City of Beaumont
  - i. No Outstanding Code Actions
  - ii. Not Subject to Litigation, Directly or Indirectly, with the City of Beaumont
  - iii. No Outstanding Tax or Utility Payments

#### 2. Grant Awards

- a. \$300 for Single Member Households
- b. \$1,000 for Multi-Member Households

### **Grant Selection Process**

Grants would be awarded on a non-competitive, qualification basis. Should the number of qualified applicants exceed revenues available, a randomized selection process would be utilized.