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Bexar County Temporary Rental Assistance Measure to Begin Enrollment

Bexar County rental assistance applications are for the unincorporated areas and suburban cities only.

Beginning on Friday, May 1, 2020 at 10 a.m., residents in unincorporated Bexar County and 26 suburban cities (e.g., Leon Valley, Kirby, Somerset), will be able to apply for rental assistance through Bexar County's Temporary Rental Assistance Measure (TRAM). The program will be managed by the Housing Authority of Bexar County (HABC).

The HABC-managed program, will offer 1-3 months of rental assistance (in accordance with HUD Fair Market Rent limits) for residents of unincorporated Bexar County and 26 suburban cities outside of San Antonio that:

- a. Meet HUD-established income limits for families earning 100 percent or below the Area Median Income (\$72,000 for a family of 4); and
- b. Can provide proof of unemployment (e.g., furlough, layoff or termination) or a material reduction of income due to COVID-19.

In addition to completing an application, applicants will be required to submit the following documents:

- Proof of current income and evidence of income loss due to COVID-19
Note: this can be in the form of an employer verification of job loss, unemployment claim, current pay stubs, etc.
- Copy of complete and current residential lease agreement.
- Proof of delinquent rent balance in the form of a landlord's request / demand for payment, or a Notice to Vacate. This documentation must state the amount of rent in arrears (money already owed).

Residents can apply online at: www.habctx.org/TRAM or can call 210-940-1180 if they do not have access to the internet. Although the application portion is not yet live, people wishing to apply can visit the webpage to view complete details and view the complete list of suburban cities within the County.

Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis, with payments will be made directly by HABC to the resident's landlord.

Free Wi-Fi can also be accessed at the AT&T Center from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily in Lot 3 for those without home internet on the “spursgive” network. Additionally, free Wi-Fi is available at the BiblioTech South parking lot, located at 3505 Pleasanton Rd.

Residents who live within the City of San Antonio and need rental assistance should visit www.sanantonio.gov/NHSD/Programs/FairHousing or call 210-207-5910.

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