

# Assistance Program to Protect Essential Farmworkers During the Pandemic

## Housing for the Harvest



The Housing and Assistance Programs to Protect Essential Farmworkers During the Pandemic is a coordinated effort between the Riverside County, the State of California, and TODEC Legal Center. This program is established to support agricultural workers and food processing workers during the pandemic.

This program provides temporary housing options including lodging and resources for agricultural workers and food processing workers who tested positive for COVID-19 and need to isolate or have had exposure to COVID-19 for which self-isolation is recommended.

The program also provides a **one-time payment of \$2,000** to make up for lost wages.

### What are the requirement for the program?

- ◆ Live in Riverside County.
- ◆ 18 years of age or older.
- ◆ Work in agriculture or food processing.
- ◆ Tested positive for COVID-19 and needs to isolate or has had exposure to COVID-19 for which self-isolation is recommended.
- ◆ Household income is 80% or below of the County area's median income.

2020 Income Limit HUD - Riverside County	
Household Size	80% of the Area Median Income
1	\$ 42,200
2	\$ 48,200
3	\$ 54,250
4	\$ 60,250
5	\$ 65,100
6	\$ 69,900
7	\$ 74,750
8	\$ 79,550

### How can I Apply for this Program?

**Program Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

- ◆ To start your eligibility process, you must call 1-888-863-3291
- ◆ Complete the application over the phone.
- ◆ Provide the necessary documents by text or electronically.

### What are the example of documents needed?

- ◆ Any government issued identification (driver license, passport, matricula consular, permanent resident card).
- ◆ Proof of address (identification, utility bill, letter, or document with your name and address)
- ◆ Recent COVID-19 Test Results, documented by a public health official or medical health professional.
- ◆ Check stub, employer letter, or 2019 Income Taxes.

### How do I know if I qualify for this program?

To qualify you must complete the application, including the necessary documents. As soon as the validity of your COVID-19 test results are confirmed by the Department of Public Health, you will be contacted by the program staff to explain the next steps and secure assistance.

### Will receiving this assistance make me a public charge?

No. This type of assistance is not one of the public benefits that counts under the public charge rule, so this assistance should not be counted against you for immigration purposes.

### Important Notes

- The results of the COVID-19 test will be sent to the Department of Public Health to determine its validity.
- To be considered for the program, you must meet all requirements and have provided all requested documents.
- Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis as long as the applicant meets all requirements including documentation, this assistance may run out within a very short period, so we encourage you to call and submit the application and documentation as soon as possible. Application services and assistance are not guaranteed.

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