

At Tenant Law Group we know that falling behind on rent can be overwhelming and stressful, but you don't have to face it alone. Whether due to job loss, unexpected expenses, or other life changes, many tenants find themselves in this difficult situation. Thankfully, there are organizations and programs dedicated to helping California renters stay in their homes and get back on track. The services listed below offer financial assistance, resources, and guidance to help you navigate these tough times and find the support you need.

1. Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

Description: California's statewide COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program provides help to tenants who fell behind on rent due to the pandemic.

Website: [Housing Is Key](#)

2. Local County and City Programs

Many cities and counties in California offer rent relief programs for tenants facing financial difficulties. It's important to check local resources for availability.

Example:

- Los Angeles County: LA County Rent Relief
- San Francisco: San Francisco Rent Relief
- San Diego: San Diego Housing Commission

3. Salvation Army

Description: Provides emergency rent and utility assistance through their Family Services programs, depending on availability and location.

Website: [Salvation Army California](#)

4. Catholic Charities of California

Description: Offers emergency financial assistance, including rent and utility help, through local Catholic Charities chapters across California.

Website: [Catholic Charities](#)

5. 211 California

Description: A free referral service that can connect tenants to rental assistance programs, shelters, and other emergency services in their area.

- Website: [211 California](#)
- Phone: Dial 211



Discover more information by scanning the QR code.

6. Volunteers of America

Description: Offers housing and rental assistance for low-income individuals, veterans, and families across various locations in California.

Website: Volunteers of America California

7. United Way of California

Description: United Way offers financial assistance to help tenants with rent payments, utilities, and other housing-related expenses.

Website: United Way California

8. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

Description: CDSS offers housing and rent assistance through its various programs for low-income residents, such as CalWORKs Homeless Assistance.

Website: California Department of Social Services

9. Homelessness Prevention Programs (HPP)

Description: Many counties in California offer homelessness prevention programs that include rent assistance and mediation services to prevent eviction.

Example: San Francisco Homelessness Prevention Program

Website: HPP Resources

10. Jewish Family Service (JFS)

Description: JFS offers rental assistance, emergency housing, and utility bill aid to those in financial crisis in several California cities.

Website: Jewish Family Service California

11. Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD)

Description: Provides rental assistance and housing support in underserved communities, focusing on Los Angeles and nearby areas.

Website: CRCD

12. PATH (People Assisting the Homeless)

Description: Offers various services, including rental assistance, eviction prevention, and support for tenants in need.

Website: PATH Rent Relief

13. Local Housing Authorities

Description: Housing authorities in California administer rental assistance programs such as the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program, which helps low-income tenants afford housing.

Example:

- Los Angeles County Housing Authority: HACoLA
- San Francisco Housing Authority: SFHA

14. Modest Needs

Description: A nonprofit that provides short-term financial assistance to low-income workers to prevent eviction.

Website: Modest Needs

15. California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council

Description: Oversees various homelessness prevention programs across the state, including rent and financial assistance for at-risk tenants.

Website: California Homeless Coordinating Council

16. Rent Relief for Veterans

Description: Various programs specifically support veterans in California with rent assistance, including Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) and Swords to Plowshares.

Swords to Plowshares Website: Swords to Plowshares

17. Mutual Aid Networks

Description: Community-based networks that provide financial aid, groceries, and other forms of support to tenants in need. Check local resources for mutual aid in your area.

Here is a list of legal organizations who may be able to provide you with free legal advice to help you address the harassment issues at your rental unit.

Tenant Law Group Legal Aid Resources List

Statewide Resources:

California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA)

Offers legal services to low-income residents in rural areas.

- Website: www.crla.org
- Phone: 1-800-337-0690

LawHelpCA.org

An online directory of legal aid offices and self-help resources.

- Website: www.lawhelpca.org

Tenants Together

A statewide tenant rights organization offering legal advice and resources.

- Website: www.tenantstogether.org
- Phone: 1-888-495-8020

California Courts Self-Help Center

Provides online resources and guidance for tenants.

- Website: www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm

California Civil Rights Department

Provides online resources, dispute resolutions, and possible legal help for certain protected class tenants in California.

Northern California:

Bay Area Legal Aid (Bay Legal)

Provides legal services to low-income tenants in seven Bay Area counties.

- Website: www.baylegal.org
- Phone: 1-800-551-5554



Legal Assistance for Seniors (Oakland)

Offers legal aid to older adults facing housing issues in Alameda County.

- Website: www.lashicap.org
- Phone: 1-510-832-3040

East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC)

Provides legal services to tenants in Alameda County.

- Website: www.ebclc.org
- Phone: 1-510-548-4040

Legal Aid of Marin

Offers legal aid to low-income residents in Marin County.

- Website: www.legalaidmarin.org
- Phone: 1-415-492-0230

Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County

Provides free legal assistance to tenants in San Mateo County.

- Website: www.legalaidsmc.org
- Phone: 1-650-558-0915

Central California:

Central California Legal Services (CCLS)

Offers free legal services in Fresno, Merced, Tulare, and nearby counties.

- Website: www.centralcallegal.org
- Phone: 1-800-675-8001

Inland Counties Legal Services (ICLS)

Provides legal aid for tenants in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

- Website: www.inlandlegal.org
- Phone: 1-888-245-4257

Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance (GBLA)

Provides free legal services to tenants in Kern County.

- Website: www.gbla.org
- Phone: 1-661-325-5943

California Indian Legal Services (CILS)

Offers legal assistance to Native American communities across California, including tenants' rights.

- Website: www.calindian.org
- Phone: 1-800-829-0284

Southern California:

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)

One of the largest legal services organizations in Southern California, serving low-income tenants in Los Angeles.

- Website: www.lafla.org
- Phone: 1-800-399-4529

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA)

Provides legal aid to tenants in the San Fernando, Antelope, and San Gabriel Valleys.

- Website: www.nlsla.org
- Phone: 1-800-433-6251

Public Counsel (Los Angeles)

Offers free legal services to tenants in Los Angeles County, with a focus on housing rights and eviction defense.

- Website: www.publiccounsel.org
- Phone: 1-213-385-2977

Community Legal Aid SoCal (formerly Legal Aid Society of Orange County)

Provides legal aid to tenants in Orange and southeast Los Angeles counties.

- Website: www.communitylegalsocal.org
- Phone: 1-800-834-5001

Legal Aid Society of San Diego (LASSD)

Helps low-income tenants in San Diego County with eviction and other housing issues.

- Website: www.lassd.org
- Phone: 1-877-534-2524

Bet Tzedek Legal Services (Los Angeles)

Provides free legal assistance, including housing and tenant rights.

- Website: www.bettzedek.org
- Phone: 1-323-939-0506