


**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Erik J. Walsh, City Manager   
**COPIES:** Executive Leadership Team  
**SUBJECT:** **EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING**  
**DATE:** January 20, 2021

This correspondence is to inform you that the City of San Antonio received \$46.7 million in funding from the U.S. Treasury yesterday for the Emergency Rental Assistance programs under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (Act).

On January 7, I provided an update on potential impacts of the federal stimulus portions of the Act. At that time, based on preliminary reports of the expected funding guidelines, we estimated the City would receive \$6 million in Emergency Rental Assistance. Subsequent to that, we applied for funding and received the award yesterday.

Emergency Rental Assistance program funds are provided directly to States, U.S. Territories, local governments, and tribal governments. Grantees must use the funds to help eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Not less than 90 percent of awarded funds must be used for direct financial assistance, including rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing. Remaining funds are available for housing stability services, including case management and other services intended to keep households stably housed, and administrative costs. Funds generally expire on December 31, 2021.

Limited guidance was provided by the Department of the Treasury with the issuance of funds and staff will continue to engage the federal government to understand all the programmatic requirements. A recommendation for implementation will be developed and brought to the Culture and Neighborhood Services Committee and then to the full City Council.

As with any other federal funds, the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury will conduct monitoring and oversight of the receipt, reimbursement, and use of the funds.

If you have any questions, please let me know.