Beginning Monday, County of Orange to offer Emergency Rental Assistance

Beginning Monday, Feb. 1, eligible Costa Mesa residents who are struggling to make their rent or utility payments because of COVID-19 can take advantage of an Emergency Rental Assistance program being offered by the County of Orange.

Households can apply for as much as $10,000 in assistance if they qualify for the program. To prove eligibility applicants must have:

- Photo identification
- Copy of a lease or rental agreement
- Proof of income affected by COVID 19 (i.e .unemployment letter or letter from employer stating reduced hours or pay)
- Proof of unpaid rent and/or utilities (i.e. documentation from a landlord or utility company stating the amount owed)

Renters can begin the process three ways.

1. Online at https://www.ERA.211oc.org
2. Call 2-1-1
3. Text ERA at 898211

To learn more about how the program works, please visit

https://www.costamesaca.gov/hot-topics/coronavirus/housing-resources/