

RSVP Sponsors “Homeowner / Renter Assistance (HRA) Program” Of San Mateo County

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The 2006 program (based on 2005 income, 2005 residency, and 2005-2006 property tax bills) has an income limit of \$40,811 or less. The final application deadline is October 15, 2006.

Trained HRA Counselors provide free assistance to individuals who need help in preparing their homeowner or renter assistance claim for the Franchise Tax Board (FTB). Applications are to be filed with the FTB between July 1st and October 31st."

Free Assistance is provided at the following locations in San Mateo County:

Location	Schedule	Phone Number
Twin Pines Senior Center (Belmont)	By Appointment Only Tuesdays, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm July 11 & 18, August 1 & 15 September 5 & 19, and October 3 & 17	595-7444
Veterans Memorial Senior Center (Redwood City)	By-Appointment Only Call for the scheduled dates	780-7274
San Mateo Senior Center	By-Appointment Only Tuesdays, Noon to 2:00 pm July 18 & August 1	522-7490
Foster City Senior Center	By Appointment Only Tuesdays, 10:00 am – Noon July & August	286-2585
Peninsula Volunteer Little House (Menlo Park)	By-Appointment Only Tuesdays, 9:00 am – Noon July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22, and September 5	326-2025 x230
San Carlos Adult Community Center	By-Appointment Only Thursdays, 9:00 am to Noon July 13 & 20	802-4384
Millbrae Senior Center	By Appointment Only Wednesdays, 9:00 am-11:00 am July 19 & August 2	259-2370
South San Francisco Senior Services El Camino Center	By Appointment Only Wednesdays, 10:00 am-2:00 July 12 through October 11	877-5996
South San Francisco Senior Services Magnolia Center	By Appointment Only Tuesdays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm July 11 through October 10	829-3820
Pacifica Community Center	By Appointment Only Wednesdays, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm July (excluding July 26) & August September & October To Be Announced	738-7353

A claimant must: be a US citizen, designated alien, or qualified alien, and, be 62 or older, blind, or disabled when filing the claim, and, owned and occupied your home or mobile home on December 31 of last year, or have paid at least \$50 rent each month, and, have a total household income of \$40,811 or less.

The following documents are required in determining eligibility for HRA Credit:

Proof of age or disability, Property tax bill (if you are a homeowner), Federal & State tax records, and any other income records

If you forget to bring these documents, the volunteer will be unable to assist you with your claim.

Homeowner and Renter Assistance Program **For California Residents**

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This program is available to individuals who:

- * Were **age 62 or older, blind or disabled** on December 31, 2005;
- * Had a total household income of **\$40,811** or less in 2005; and
- * Are citizens of the United States or designated or qualified aliens when claim is filed.
- * For **HOMEOWNER** assistance, you must have owned AND lived in your home on December 31, 2005.
- * For **RENTER** assistance, you must have lived in a rented residence all or part of 2005 AND paid \$50 or more per month in rent.

To file a claim, you will need:

- * 2005 tax return (if filed) or other evidence of income and/or your 2005 SSA 1099)
- * Proof of age or disability;
- * Proof of alien status, if applicable;
- * **Homeowners** need their 2005-2006 property tax statement;
- * **Renters** need their landlord's name, address & phone number;

**Free help is available to prepare and file your 2006 claim
(for 2005 income) beginning in July 2006.**