

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

"Homeowner and Renter Assistance" is an annual payment made by the State of California to qualified individuals. Payment is based on your total household income and a percentage of the assessed value of your home. Renters may also qualify for assistance, as a portion of the rent is presumed to have been paid for property taxes.

The 2007 program (based on 2006 income, 2006 residency, and 2006-2007 property tax bills) has an income limit of \$42,770 or less. The final application deadline is October 15, 2007.

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 20 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont	By Appointment Only Tuesdays, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm July 3 & 17, August 7 & 21 September 4 & 18, and October 2 & 16	595-7444
Veterans Memorial Senior Center 1455 Madison Ave., Redwood City	By-Appointment Only Wednesdays, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm July 25 & September 26	780-7274
San Mateo Senior Center 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo	By-Appointment Only Tuesdays, Noon to 4:00 pm July 17 & August 7	522-7490
Foster City Senior Center 650 Shell Blvd., Foster City	By Appointment Only Tuesdays, 10:00 am – Noon July 13 through August 30	286-2585
Peninsula Volunteer Little House 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park	By-Appointment Only Tuesdays, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21, and September 4	326-2025 x230
San Carlos Adult Community Center 601 Chestnut St., San Carlos	By-Appointment Only Thursdays, 9:00 am to Noon July 19 & 26 and August 16	802-4384
Millbrae Senior Center 477 Lincoln Circle, Millbrae	By Appointment Only Wednesdays, 9:00 am-Noon July 18 & August 8	259-2370
South San Francisco Senior Services El Camino Center 33 Arroyo Dr., So. San Francisco	By Appointment Only Wednesdays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm July 11 through October 10	877-5996
South San Francisco Senior Services Magnolia Center (3rd floor) 601 Grand Ave., So. San Francisco	By Appointment Only	829-3820
Pacifica Community Center 540 Crespi Dr. (at Hwy 1) , Pacifica	By Appointment Only Wednesdays, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm July (excluding July 4 & 25) & 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 \$42,770 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

Homeowner and Renter Assistance is an annual payment made by the State of California to qualified individuals. Payment is based on your total household income and a portion of the property taxes that you paid on your home. Renters may also qualify for assistance, as a portion of the rent is paid for property taxes.

This program is available to individuals who:

- * Were age 62 or older, blind or disabled on December 31, 2006;
- * Had a total household income of \$42,770 or less in 2006; 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, 2006.
- * For RENTER assistance, you must have lived in a rented residence all or part of 2006 AND paid \$50 or more per month in rent.

To file a claim, you will need:

- * 2006 tax return (if filed) or other evidence of income and/or your 2006 SSA 1099)
- * Proof of age or disability;
- * Proof of alien status, if applicable;
- * Homeowners need their 2006-2007 property tax statement;
- * Renters need their landlord's name, address & phone number;

Free help is available to prepare and file your 2007 claim
(for 2006 income) beginning in July 2007.

Call for an appointment.