

Low-Income Resource Guide



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Food Discounts

Free Food for Santa Monica Residents

<https://www.santamonica.gov/Media/Default/COVID-19/ENG%20Food%20Resources%20FINAL%206.12.20.pdf>

Free food available seven days a week through multiple community organizations. Pick-up and delivery options available.

Cal Fresh Application

<https://www.getcalfresh.org/?source=edd>

California's food stamps (SNAP) program

SNAP Retailer Locator

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/retailer-locator>

Allows anyone to locate nearby SNAP-authorized retailers by entering a street address, city, and state, or zip code

Find a Local Food Bank

<https://www.cafoodbanks.org/our-members/#los-angeles>

Find your local food bank in Los Angeles County

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Fresh Guide to EBT in California

<https://www.freshebt.com/state/california/>

A guide providing the basics of Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT)

EBT Restaurant Meals Program

http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dpss/1102146_ListingofParticipatingRestaurantsinRMP-12.2020Final.pdf

CalFresh recipients 60 years and up, disabled, or homeless can use benefits to purchase lower cost prepared meals at approved restaurants

Farmers Market EBT Match

<https://www.hungeractionla.org/marketmatch>

"Market Match" will match what you spend at the farmers market up to \$10 per visit (i.e. if you spend \$10, you get \$20 to use on produce)

CA Meals for Kids Mobile Application

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/mo/cameals.asp>

Mobile app helps you find nearby California Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs Sites through your iOS, Android, or Microsoft devices

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Free Summer Lunch Program

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sh/sn/summersites.asp>

List of locations where children may receive free nutritious meals during school vacation and off-track periods

Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/applying-free-and-reduced-price-school-meals>

Information about receiving free and reduced-price school meals

Women, Infants, & Children Program (WIC)

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DWICSN/Pages/Program-Landing1.aspx>

Health and nutrition program for babies, children under 5, pregnant women, and new mothers

Imperfect Foods Fresh Food Box Discount

<https://www.imperfectfoods.com/reduced-cost-box>

33% discount on fresh food boxes

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Southern California Edison CARE/FERA Program

<https://www.sce.com/residential/assistance/care-fera>

CARE reduces energy bills for eligible customers by about 30%, FERA reduces electric bills for qualified households by 18%

Clean Power Alliance Power Response Program

<https://cleanpoweralliance.org/cpa-power-response-program-residential-customers/>

Utility bill discount for enrolling and participating in energy savings events

Clean Power Alliance Power Share

<https://cleanpoweralliance.org/power-share/>

90404 zip code: 20% discount on bills for customers on CARE/FERA rates and live between (20th & Centinela Ave. and Colorado & Pico Blvd)

California LifeLine Program

<https://www.californialifeline.com/en>

Cell phone and landline phone service discounts

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Energy Savings Assistance Program

<https://www.sce.com/residential/assistance/energy-saving-program?from=/esap>

No-cost weatherization/home sealing services

Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

<https://pacela.org/our-work/energy/>

Assistance to low-income homes with paying electricity bills

Low-Cost Internet Service Finder

<http://broadband.unitedwaysca.org/>

Internet service discounts

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Cash for Grass Rebate Program

<https://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/categories/water.aspx>

Replace turf grass with climate appropriate plants and mulch, available for all single-family, multi-family and commercial properties

Spray to Drip Rebate Program

<https://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/categories/water.aspx>

Replace your operational sprinklers in planter beds/hedges with highly efficient drip irrigation that delivers water directly to plants, does not apply to existing lawn areas

Rain Harvest Rebate Program

https://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/Rebates/Rain_Harvest_Rebate.aspx

For property owners or renters interested in retrofitting one's building to collect rainwater for onsite uses (irrigation, flushing, landscape infiltration)

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Water Neutrality Direct Install Program

https://www.smgov.net/uploadedFiles/Departments/OSE/Categories/Water/DirectInstall_Toilet.pdf

All Santa Monica Water customers with toilets that use 1.28 gallons per flush or more are eligible for this program, includes free professional installation

Residential Direct Install Program (RES DI)

<https://www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy/rebates-and-incentives/residential-direct-install-program>

Free energy improvements to eligible customers to help make their homes more energy efficient and reduce the cost to participate in the single-family or multifamily home upgrade programs

Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)

<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/sgipinfo/>

Rebates for installing energy storage technology at both residential and non-residential facilities

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Clean Vehicle Assistance Program

<https://cleanvehiclegrants.org/>

Grants and affordable financing to help Californians purchase/lease a new or used hybrid or electric vehicle

California Clean Vehicle Rebate Project

<https://cleanvehiclerebate.org/eng>

California residents get up to \$7,000 for the purchase or lease of a new, eligible zero-emission or plug-in hybrid light-duty vehicle

California Clean Fuel Reward

<https://cleanfuelreward.com/>

Get up to \$1,500 off the purchase or lease of an eligible new Battery Electric (BEV) or Plug-in Hybrid (PHEV)

Clean Air Vehicle Decals for Using Carpool and HOV Lanes

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/vehicle-registration/license-plates-decals-and-placards/clean-air-vehicle-decals-for-using-carpool-lanes/>

Decals and an ID card that allow single occupancy use of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV, or carpool) lanes

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EV Charging Station Rebate

https://www.smgov.net/uploadedFiles/Departments/OSE/Categories/Transportation/Phase3_EV_RebatePacket.pdf

Rebates of up to \$1,000 to offset EV charging station and installation costs (or \$1,500 for eligible low-income applicants) in multi-unit buildings and small businesses

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Big Blue Bus Discounts

<https://www.bigbluebus.com/fares/fare-information.aspx>

Reduced rates for youth, college students, seniors, disabled, and Medicare riders.

LA Metro / Transit Discounts

<https://www.metro.net/projects/life/>

Transportation assistance to low-income individuals in Los Angeles County

LA Area Bike / Scooter Discounts

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/List-E-scooters-in-Los-Angeles-Offer-Discounts-for-Low-income-Riders-512066011.html>

Transportation discounts for low-income riders

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Appliances

Electrify Santa Monica Rebate Program

<https://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/categories/energy.aspx>

Rebates for the replacement of natural gas equipment with efficient all-electric alternatives. Adders for low-income residents and electric panel upgrades.

Residential Rebate from Southern California Edison

<https://www.sce.com/residential/rebates-savings/rebates>

Rebates for efficient all-electric water heaters, HVAC, back-up energy generators.

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COVID-19 Community Resources

<https://www.santamonica.gov/coronavirus-resources>

The City is responding to the changing needs in our community. Here, residents looking for support can find resources offered locally and throughout LA County, including mental health, food, rental assistance, seniors, youth & families, homelessness, utilities, and transportation. Please check back often.

Amazon Prime

https://www.amazon.com/I/16256994011?&_encoding=UTF8&tag=lir0e-20&linkCode=ur2&linkId=3661ddae807c336a16207715b64d2285&camp=1789&creative=9325

Amazon Prime is \$5.99/month for qualifying customers with an EBT or Medicaid card

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Online Employment Resources

<https://www.santamonica.gov/economicrecovery/jobresources>

Santa Monica's Economic Recovery Task Force has compiled these local training and searching services for job seekers.

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COVID-19 - Eviction Moratorium

<https://www.santamonica.gov/coronavirus-eviction-moratorium>

State law protects residential tenants from eviction if they are unable to pay rent due between March 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 because of COVID-19-related lost income or increased expenses. The City of Santa Monica also enacted and expanded an eviction moratorium for residential and some commercial tenants. City protections for residential tenants for reasons other than non-payment of rent are in effect through June 30, 2021.