Pandemic Public Benefits Available to Alameda County Residents

Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP)

Eligibility: SSI is a federal program available to low income individuals age 65 and older or blind or disabled. SSP is a state program that augments SSI. Both SSI and SSP are administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA).
Details: Must meet income and asset limits. 2021 grant levels for individuals are $955 for individuals and $1,598 for couples.
For more information: https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/ssi/

Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)

Eligibility: CAPI is a 100% state funded program to those ineligible for SSI/SSP solely due to their immigration status. CAPI is administered through ACSSA.
Details: CAPI payments are equivalent to those provided through SSI/SSP.
For more information:
https://www.alamedacountysocialservices.org/our-services/Immigrants-and-Refugees/CAPI#overview

CalFresh & Enhanced CalFresh

Eligibility: Must be eligible for CalFresh.
Details: All households receive the maximum amount of monthly CalFresh benefits for their household size, regardless of income and expenses. Additionally, CalFresh is providing a 15% increase in all benefits through September 2021. Benefits available through regular County/ACSSA eligibility and redetermination processes.
For more information:
https://www.alamedacountysocialservices.org/our-services/Health-and-Food/CalFresh/index

Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) 2.0

Eligibility: Children age 0-6 years old that are part of a household receiving CalFresh food benefits. School age children eligible for free or reduced-price meals having attended school via distance learning or hybrid distance and in-person learning during 2020-2021 school year.
Details: Maximum benefit $123 per month per child. There is no application for P-EBT 2.0, which will be automatically mailed July - August 2021 for children under age 6 and August - November 2021 for school aged children.
For more information: https://capandemic-ebt.org/

Women, Infant & Children Program (WIC)

Eligibility: WIC is available to pregnant or breastfeeding women, infants, and young children if the applicant has an annual income at or below 185% Federal Poverty Level (currently $48,470 for a family of four). Those who recently lost their jobs or are unable to work due to COVID-19 may be eligible.
Details: Health & nutrition program for women and children under the age of 5, apply through public health department.
For more information: https://acphd.org/wic/

Local Emergency Food Distribution

Eligibility: An individual or family experiencing food insecurity or in need of emergency food or meal delivery services.
Details: Call 2-1-1 or utilize the Alameda County COVID-19 Food Distribution, Testing, and Services map to locate food distribution sites near you.
For more information:
https://www.acgov.org/maps/food-services.htm

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California Eviction Moratorium

Eligibility: Renters who cannot pay more than 25% of total rent and who can show economic hardship due to COVID-19 impacts.
Details: California's eviction moratorium prevents eviction for nonpayment of rent by tenants experiencing a COVID-19 hardship. The moratorium ends September 30, 2021.
For more information:
https://housing.ca.gov/tenant/protection_guidelines.html

COVID-19 Rent Relief Program

Eligibility: Renters who meet income requirements and require assistance for unpaid and future rent and utilities due to COVID-19. Applicants may qualify regardless of immigration status, and landlords may apply.
Details: Up to 100% of rental and utility arrears may be paid off through the program.
For more information:
https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/program_overview.html

Season of Sharing Program (SOS)

Eligibility: Alameda County residents with dependent children or who are disabled, aged 55 or older, former foster youth, veterans, survivors of intimate partner violence and violent crimes, and pregnant people.
Details: One-time assistance to people experiencing a housing crisis that can be resolved through one-time assistance. Call the pre-screening line at 510-272-3700.
For more information:
https://www.alamedacountysocialservices.org/our-services/Shelter-and-Housing/Other-Support/season-of-sharing

Housing & Emergency Lodging Program (HELP)

Eligibility: Single adult individuals living in Alameda County who do not meet SOS eligibility criteria, and are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, and have sustainable income.
Details: HELP will provide one-time crisis-based financial assistance for critical housing needs. To apply, call 510-259-2200 or email **HoEmLodgP@acgov.org**.
For more information:
https://www.alamedacountysocialservices.org/our-services/Shelter-and-Housing/Other-Support/HELP

Emergency Broadband Benefit

Eligibility: Individuals with disabilities and others in low-income households (including those receiving CalFresh or Medi-Cal)
Details: Provides up to $50/month to help cover the cost of internet access & a stipend of up to $100 toward qualifying laptops, tablets, or computers.
For more information:
https://getemergencybroadband.org/

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

Eligibility: Funeral expenses for those deceased due to COVID-19 after 1/20/20, no citizenship requirement for deceased though applicant must be a U.S citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.
For more information:
www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq

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Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

Eligibility: Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) claim started on or after 7/8/2018. Must apply through California Employment Development Department (EDD)
Details: Provides up to 53 additional weeks of UI if you've used all of your available benefits. After collecting the first 24 weeks, an additional 29 weeks are available 3/14/21 through 9/4/21.
For more Information:
https://edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019/cares-act.htm#PEUC

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

Eligibility: People who are not working or working reduced hours as a direct result of COVID-19 including business owners, self-employed workers, independent contractors, and those with a limited work history. Must apply through California EDD.
Details: Available 2/2/20 through 9/4/21.
For more information:
https://edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019/cares-act.htm#PUA

Pandemic Additional Compensation (FPUC aka PAC)

Eligibility: Individuals receiving UI, PEUC, PUA and other unemployment benefits. Must be receiving unemployment benefits, no further action required.
Details: An additional weekly payment of $600 3/29/20 through 6/25/20, and $300 12/27/20 through 9/4/21.
For more information:
https://edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019/cares-act.htm#PAC

Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)

Eligibility: Individuals receiving UI, PEUC or Federal-State Extended Duration (FED-ED). Not available to those receiving PUA or Training Extension (TE) benefits. Must apply through CA EDD.
Details: Provides an additional $100 per week to those earning eligible UI and earned self-employment income in the year before their claim.
For more information:
https://edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019/cares-act.htm#MEUC

Child Care Resource & Referral: Bananas

Eligibility: Families who live in Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, or Piedmont.
Referral Contact: 510-658-0381 bananasbunch.org

Child Care Resource & Referral: 4Cs of Alameda County

Eligibility: Families who live in Castro Valley, Fremont, Hayward, Newark, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, or Union City.
Referral Contact: 510-244-0506 info@4c-alameda.org

Child Care Resource & Referral: Hively

Eligibility: Families who live in Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, or Sunol.
Referral Contact: 925-417-8733 hello@behively.org

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Federal Tax Credits

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Eligibility: Filed a 2020 tax return (available each tax year), income below certain limits for household size.

Details: For 2021 tax year only, maximum credit is $1,052 for an individual - prior and following years maximum credit is $543. A married couple with 3 or more children could get back as much as $6,600.

For more information: https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit-eitc

Advance Child Tax Credit (CTC)

Eligibility: Filed a 2019 or 2020 tax return, or enter information into non-filer IRS application, and have a dependent child under the age of 18.

Details: For 2021 tax year only, $3,600 annual credit for a child under age 6; $3,000 annual credit for a child age 6-17 Monthly payments available for half the value of the credit.

For more information: https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021

Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit

Eligibility: Tax filer (available each tax year) paid someone to watch a child or dependent while working or looking for work.

Details: For tax year 2021, maximum credit is $4,000 for one child and $8,000 for two or more children.

For more information: https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-publication-503

California State Tax Credits

California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC)

Eligibility: An adult or person with a qualifying child, who has a valid SSN or ITIN, earned income, files taxes, and has an adjusted income of $30,000 or less may qualify.

Details: CalEITC is a refundable tax credit meant to help low and moderate-income people and families. The maximum credit for an individual is $243, and a married couple with three or more children could receive $3,027.

For more information: https://www.ftb.ca.gov/about-ftb/newsroom/caleitc/index.html

Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC)

Eligibility: Low and moderate-income working parents of children under the age of 6, who file taxes. Those who qualify for CalEITC likely qualify for YCTC.

Details: YCTC is a refundable tax credit meant to help low and moderate income families with young children. Assistance is provided of up to $1,000 per tax filer.

For more information:
https://www.ftb.ca.gov/file/personal/credits/california-earned-income-tax-credit.html

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Federal Economic Impact Payments (EIP), known as "Stimulus Checks"

🪙 2020 Economic Impact Payments

Eligibility: Filed a 2019 or 2020 tax return, or enter information into a non-filer IRS application, income below certain limits for household size

Details: A first payment of up to $1,200 in April 2020 and a second payment of up to $600 in December 2020. Most funds have already been administered.

For more information:
https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/recovery-rebate-credit

🪙 2021 Economic Impact Payments

Eligibility: Filed a 2019 or 2020 tax return, or enter information into a non-filer IRS application, income below certain limits for household size. Adult dependents are eligible for a payment in this round only.

Details: A third payment of up to $1,400 in Spring 2021 - most eligible individuals will get their payment automatically and won't need to take additional action.

For more information:
https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/third-economic-impact-payment

California State Stimulus Payments

🪙 Golden State Stimulus I (GSS I)

Eligibility: Filed a 2020 tax return and received the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC), as well as Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) tax filers with an adjusted income of $75,000 or less.

Details: GSS I provides a one-time payment of $600 or $1,200 to low income families and people excluded from federal stimulus funds due to immigration status.

For more information: https://www.ftb.ca.gov/about-ftb/newsroom/golden-state-stimulus/gss-i.html

🪙 Golden State Stimulus II (GSS II)

Eligibility: Filed a 2020 tax return and have an adjusted income of $75,000 or less, and ITIN filers.

Details: GSS II provides a one-time payment of $500 to those who received GSS I and have dependents, $600 for those who did not receive GSS I with an and additional $500 for families with dependents, and $500 ($1,000 for those with dependents) for ITIN filers.

For more information: https://www.ftb.ca.gov/about-ftb/newsroom/golden-state-stimulus/gss-ii.html