

**Last week marked the official launch of FY 26-27 public budget hearings** with improved access and transparency, as recommended by the Governance Reform Task Force. I encourage you to tune in and share your feedback – Public budget presentations began Thursday, February 12, if you visit <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/budget/> you can use the schedule to view past presentations, participating departments, and links to each day’s Board agenda as they become available. The last date of the budget presentations is Feb 27 where the following departments will present:

- Board of Supervisors
- Chief Executive Office
- Assessor
- Treasurer & Tax Collector
- Auditor-Controller
- Homeless Services & Housing
- Health Services

**Last week, the LA County Emergency Rent Relief Program reopened**, and this round expands who can apply. Now tenants and displaced homeowners can apply directly, while landlords can continue submitting applications as before.

#### Important Dates

- Applications Open: Monday, February 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Applications Close: Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 4:59 p.m.

#### What the Program Offers

The provides emergency financial assistance to tenants, landlords, and in some cases displaced homeowners who've faced emergency-related financial hardship. Eligible applicants may receive:

- Up to 6 months of rental or mortgage relief (limited exceptions apply)
- Maximum award of \$15,000 per unit

Covered expenses may include:

- Past-due rent or mortgage payments
- Eligible utilities
- Other verified, related housing costs

Funds are paid directly to landlords, and both tenants and landlords must complete their portions of the application to be considered.