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Applications Open for City of Milpitas Workforce Housing Rental Assistance Program

City of Milpitas and FORWARD to administer \$773K to low-income Milpitas residents and workers

Milpitas, CA (December 16, 2025) — The City of Milpitas has partnered with [FORWARD](#), the trusted partner in program administration for local governments to launch the City's Workforce Housing Rental Assistance Program (WHRAP) round two. This program is designed to support low-income Milpitas residents with rental assistance.

The City of Milpitas has allocated \$773,341 in Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funding. This program aims to provide low-income residents of Milpitas with the financial assistance they need to ease rising rent expenses. Round one is currently underway and is providing 22 households with rental assistance for 24 months. Round two will provide twenty-four months of rental assistance for up to twenty-eight (28) households who are at or below 30% of the Housing & Community Development (HCD) income levels and who are living within the city limits.

"I'm proud to announce the launch of the Workforce Housing Rental Assistance Program," says Carmen Montano, Mayor of the City of Milpitas. "This program reflects our unwavering commitment to ensuring that members of our community have a safety net as they face challenges associated with housing instability. By supporting these households with rental assistance for 24 months, we're highlighting our commitment to creating a Milpitas where everyone can thrive."

To be eligible for the program, applicants must:

- Must be at or below [30% of Housing & Community Development \(HCD\) Area Median Income levels](#);
- Housing unit must have no outstanding code enforcement violations; and
- Must live within the city limits of Milpitas

The City of Milpitas approved FORWARD as the program administrator contractor to assist with community outreach, application support, and screening for eligibility in a way that uses taxpayer dollars efficiently. Applicants can expect the following:

- To apply through FORWARD's online application portal
- Access to application support available in multiple languages via phone, text and email
- To submit proof of identification
- To meet geographic area requirements
- To show proof of a current lease, or documentation of residence showing evidence that establishes a pattern of paying rent
- To present a recent pay stub, or other proof of income

"FORWARD is honored to continue our partnership with the City of Milpitas as we enter the second round of the Workforce Housing Rental Assistance Program," says Adnan Mahmud, CEO of FORWARD Platform. "This renewed investment underscores the City's commitment to advancing equity and stability for Milpitas families. By building on the success of the first round, we're able to expand access, strengthen support for residents facing housing insecurity, and help ensure more households have the foundation they need to thrive."

City of Milpitas residents and workers are encouraged to apply and learn more at: www.forwardplatform.com/city-of-milpitas-workforce-housing-rental-assistance-program.

ABOUT FORWARD PLATFORM

FORWARD partners with governments and organizations to deliver resources and funding to communities using human-centered technology and customized solutions. Over 80% of the team members have worked in government and understand the unique challenges and what it takes to execute, enabling the team to operate with speed, precision, and competency. FORWARD automates complex program administration processes that increase back-office capacity, improve transparency and trust with data, and break down silos to unlock coordination and service delivery quickly and securely — all while maintaining compliance.

To learn more, visit: www.forwardplatform.com.

About the City of Milpitas

About the City of Milpitas Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, Milpitas is a progressive community that is an integral part of Silicon Valley. A full-service city with water utility, sewer utility, police and fire services, Milpitas is a flourishing community with a very diverse and inclusive resident population of over 80,000. Often referred to as the Crossroads of Silicon Valley, the City is situated between major thoroughfares in the Bay Area and considered a highly desirable location for world-class technology companies

seeking to build a central base of operations. With the addition of the new Milpitas Transit Center offering BART, light rail, and bus service and multiple new mixed-use development projects, along with a host of new City Plans and Programs in support of an inspiring and sustainable future, the City is at the forefront of building the next generation economy. For more information, visit: www.milpitas.gov

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