

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/ourservices/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. Benefits available through regular County/ACSSA eligibility and redetermination processes.

For more information:

https://www.alamedacountysocialservices.org/ourservices/Health-and-Food/CalFresh/index



Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) 3.0 and Summer P-FBT

Eligibility: Children age 0-6 years old that are part of a household receiving CalFresh food benefits between August 2021 - 2022. School age children eligible for free or reduced-price meals enrolled in independent study during COVID in 2021-2022 school year.

Details: There is no application for P-EBT 3.0. P-EBT cards will be automatically mailed beginning October 2022. P-EBT Helpline is available (877)328-9677 Mon - Fri 6am to 8pm.

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





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/ourservices/Shelter-and-Housing/Other-Support/season-ofsharing



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/ourservices/Shelter-and-Housing/Other-Support/HELP



Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies

Referral Details: Families who live in Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, or Piedmont can call 510-658-0381 or email referrals@bananasbunch.org. Families who live in Castro Valley, Fremont, Hayward, Newark, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, or Union City can call 510-244-0506 or email info@4c-alameda.org. Families who live in Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, or Sunol can call 925-417-8733 or email hello@behively.org.



Federal Tax Credits



Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Eligibility: Have earned income below certain limits for household size and be a U.S. citizen or resident alien.

Details: For 2021 tax year only, maximum credit is \$1,052 for an individual - prior year maximum credit is \$543. A married couple with 3 or more children could get back as much as \$6,728.

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. Reconcile any advance payments on the 2021 Tax Return. **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 \$255, and a married couple with three or more children could receive \$3,160.

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/californiaearned-income-tax-credit.html



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. Claim a Recovery Rebate Credit on the 2020 or 2021 federal tax return if missing a stimulus payment or received less than the full amount.

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. Claim a Recovery Rebate Credit on the 2020 or 2021 federal tax return if missing a stimulus payment or received less than the full amount.

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. The final date to qualify has already passed for filers other than those with pending ITINs.

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

