



# Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

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### **COVID-19 financial help available through United Lift program *Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District urges renters to apply for rent and utility assistance***

*Beaumont, CA* – Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) is encouraging customers who were financially impacted by COVID-19 to apply for support from the United Lift Rental & Utility Assistance Program. The program is run by the County of Riverside, in collaboration with Inland SoCal United Way and Lift to Rise.

United Lift is designed to keep Riverside County families and residents in their homes. Approved applicants can receive one-time assistance to cover up to 12 months of unpaid rent, plus an additional three months of future rent. Financial help is also available for past-due utility bills.

“Many of our community members and customers are facing financial setbacks as a result of the COVID-19 crisis,” said Secretary Andy Ramirez, on behalf of the Board of Directors. “BCVWD and the entire Board want our customers to know about the United Lift program, which provides relief to those who need it most, helping them get back on their feet after a challenging year.”

To qualify, the household must have a current lease agreement, earn at or below 80 percent of area median income (AMI), and demonstrate a loss of income due to COVID-19. For more information about AMI qualifications, visit <https://www.unitedlift.org/faqs>.

Assistance is being given without regard to immigration status. Landlords may also initiate applications on behalf of tenants.

Supported by federal funds, United Lift launched in the summer of 2020. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors voted in February 2021 to extend the program, approving \$57.3 million in emergency rental and utility assistance funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Learn more and apply at <https://www.unitedlift.org/applynow>. For more information about BCVWD, visit [bcvwd.org](http://bcvwd.org).

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*Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District was formed in 1919 and is governed by a publicly elected five-member Board of Directors. BCVWD is an independent special district that provides water service to 55,000 customers in a 28-square-mile service area.*

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