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To all Santa Fe landlords and property managers:

As you know, this is a very hard time for some of your tenants. We, the volunteer team at the [Santa Fe Mutual Aid Network](https://www.mutualista.org/), talk daily with community members who have lost employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many families have applied for our aid fund to help them pay rent and bills; they also get help from us to connect to other resources in town. One of the resources we're recommending is an exciting new rent support opportunity available to tenants this November and December: the Santa Fe County Housing Authority's [Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program \(ERMAP\)](#). Funded by the CARES Act, this program will help Santa Fe residents who've lost income due to COVID-19 pay up to \$7,500 in past-due rent between now and December 30th.

In order to qualify for this aid, renters need to be past due in their rent. Therefore, your tenant needs to request an extension on their rent and needs to receive an invoice of the past due amount. They will also ask you to fill out one page of the application form that asks for your tax ID number and bank account information, so the County can send you a direct payment. They will also need you to give them written proof that they have missed at least one rental payment--even by one day. A late notice from you the day after rent is due would be enough to qualify a renter for assistance from the County.

If you have tenants who are struggling to pay their rent, we encourage you to let them know about ERMAP. Attached is the application in English and Spanish, as well as bilingual template letters that tenants can send to their employers if they need to document loss of employment. Please feel free to reach out to the Santa Fe Mutual Aid Network with any further questions, or call the County Housing Authority at (505) 992-3060.

Best,

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