

The following Season of Sharing criteria will be added to funding consideration.

**EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS** – New eligibility

1. **Temporarily disabled** individuals may apply
2. **No residency requirement** for applicants living within the 9 SOS supported counties (Contra Costa, Alameda, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, & Sonoma); must not have received SOS grant from those counties within past 5 years; must provide proof of residency within the 9 counties; for applicants coming in from outside of those counties must have 3 months residency within Contra Costa County.

**NEW DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE** – New authorized reasons for moving

1. **Leaving the nest** – young adult with child/children leaving home; low income only
2. **Neighborhood safety** – expand current criteria from violent occurrence at place of residence, to neighborhood threats/crime reporting. Case-by-case determination
3. **Room rental** – open to everyone; must have separate lease with verified property owner who does not live in residence. Deposit & rent must be reasonable; deposit no more than twice rent. Room rental for family of 2-3 people only; no subleasing allowed

**NEW FURNITURE (CRITICAL FAMILY NEED)** – Basic furniture requests opened to all

1. All clients can apply for **basic furniture** (mattress, bed frame, sm. dining table/chairs) with valid proof of need; restrictions to type of furniture apply (no sofas, head/footboards, nightstands, mirrors, vanity, dressers, armoires)

**NEW KINDS OF ASSISTANCE** – Other emergency situations considered

1. **Unexpected rise in utilities** – Delinquent rent/mortgage payment **may** be considered in lieu of an outstanding utility bill for proven crisis if bill paid first; for critical cases may pay PGE directly
2. **Emergency car repairs** - Delinquent rent payment **may** be considered for those who need car for work, school, childcare, or medical in lieu of outstanding car repair for proven crisis and if bill is paid first; value of repair cannot exceed value of car; no maintenance services; no diagnostics; no car repairs for cars used as dwellings; case-by-case determinations

**NEW DELINQUENT RENT/MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE** – **COVID-19 – response through May 31, 2020**

1. No future income proof needed for those who lost their source of income
2. Rent/mortgage does NOT have to be delinquent (can pay next month's rent)