## NEW SOS APPLICATION!



### Addressing homelessness prevention

In response to the need to prioritize homelessness prevention, the **Season of Sharing (SOS) Fund** is expanding the criteria for rent/deposit assistance. This will include single and coupled adults who previously did not belong to a priority population (eg: senior, disabled, veteran, custody of minor children).

### New application – fewer criteria/more questions

The new 2025 SOS Application was created to better understand the needs of each applicant and the potential barriers they may face making it difficult to stabilize housing. There will be many new questions not previously asked, check boxes for answers, and an option for the client to indicate "prefer not to say".

All sections of this new SOS application will need to be completed, and all questions answered for the application to be considered. Prior versions of the application will not be accepted or may delay the process for the client.

Thank you for your help with this new protocol as we continue to assist Contra Costa County residents and FHSD clients in need.

# NO PRIORITY • POPULATIONS



Lease holders over the age of 18 living in Contra Costa County with a recent, unexpected loss of income resulting in difficulty paying rent, or forced move can now be screened for eligibility to apply for SOS.

### Staff training coming soon!

Volunteer & Emergency Services staff will begin conducting onsite training for EHSD workers & community partners to help answer questions regarding this change in protocol as we navigate the new and inclusive application process.

#### Contact Info

The Season of Sharing program is managed by the EHSD office of Volunteer & Emergency Services 400 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill.

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