



Solid Waste Management Fee: Financial Assistance Program

 Environmental Service Department

January 2026

Overview

- Provides financial assistance to help eligible homeowners reduce out-of-pocket costs for their trash and recycling fee.
 - Fulfills the City's original intent and commitment during community outreach and engagement to provide support.
 - Administered in partnership with MAAC.
 - FY26 funding anticipated to support approximately 7,000+ customers.
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Background

- **The Solid Waste Management Fee was adopted on June 9, 2025.**
- **FY26 budget allocated \$3M for the Financial Assistance Program**
- **Following broad outreach to 8 nonprofits, MAAC was selected to administer the program based on alignment with program goals and implementation capacity.**

MAAC Overview

- **Who:** San Diego-based nonprofit founded in 1965 focused on self-sufficiency and equity.
- **What:** Provides housing, education, health & wellness, and economic development services countywide.
- **Scale:** Serves tens of thousands of residents annually through community-based programs.
- **Relevant Experience:** Administers income-based financial assistance programs, including energy and housing assistance.





Program Eligibility

- Owner-occupied primary residences receiving City trash services.
- Households must meet **at least one** qualifying condition:
 - Household income \leq 60% of State Median Income (SMI) OR
 - Enrollment in an approved public assistance program (e.g., Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, LIHEAP)
- Eligibility thresholds align with existing State and Federal assistance programs.
- **To learn more and apply:** maacproject.org/SDSWAssistance or **call:** 619-946-4419.



Amount of Financial Assistance

- **Standard assistance:** \$261.60 (50% of the FY26 Solid Waste Management Fee).
- **Additional assistance:** Up to \$523.20 (100% of the FY26 Solid Waste Management Fee) for eligible homeowners **also** enrolled in a County payment plan for past-due property taxes.
- **For County property tax payment plan information visit:** <https://www.sdttc.com/content/ttc/en/tax-collection/secured-property-taxes/payment-plans.html> **or call:** 877-829-4732.
- **To print your Property Tax Bill, call:** 877-829-4732 **or visit:** <https://wps.sdttc.com/WebPayments/CoSDTreasurer2/search>
- Assistance requires an **application** and is awarded on a **first-come, first-served** basis, subject to available funding.

Mechanism of Assistance

- **FY 2026:** Assistance delivered primarily via **direct deposit** or check administered by MAAC.
- **FY 2027 & beyond:** Transition to a **pre-applied credit** on the property tax bill as primary mechanism for decisions made before August 10.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Solid Waste Management Fee Financial Assistance Program

MAAC is dedicated to reducing poverty by supporting underserved individuals and families as they work toward long-term economic stability. Through partnerships with local governments and community-based services, MAAC helps households meet essential home-related expenses and navigate costs that may impact their financial well-being.

In partnership with the City of San Diego, MAAC is helping homeowners access financial assistance to offset the Solid Waste Management Fee. Eligible homeowners may receive up to \$261.60 in assistance for Fiscal Year 2026, with additional support available for households on a county property tax payment plan.

Our goal is simple: make the process easy, accessible, and supportive for residents who need help.

Webpage & Application

- MAAC developed a dedicated webpage with program description and eligibility requirements: maacproject.org/SDSWAssistance
 - The website includes an **online application** for applicants to **submit eligibility documentation electronically**.
 - **Application must be completed in one sitting.** Applicants should gather all documents prior to starting an application.
 - **MAAC will provide customer support**, including in-person clinics to help residents with their applications.
 - **Contact MAAC with questions: 619-946-4419**
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In-Person Events & Outreach

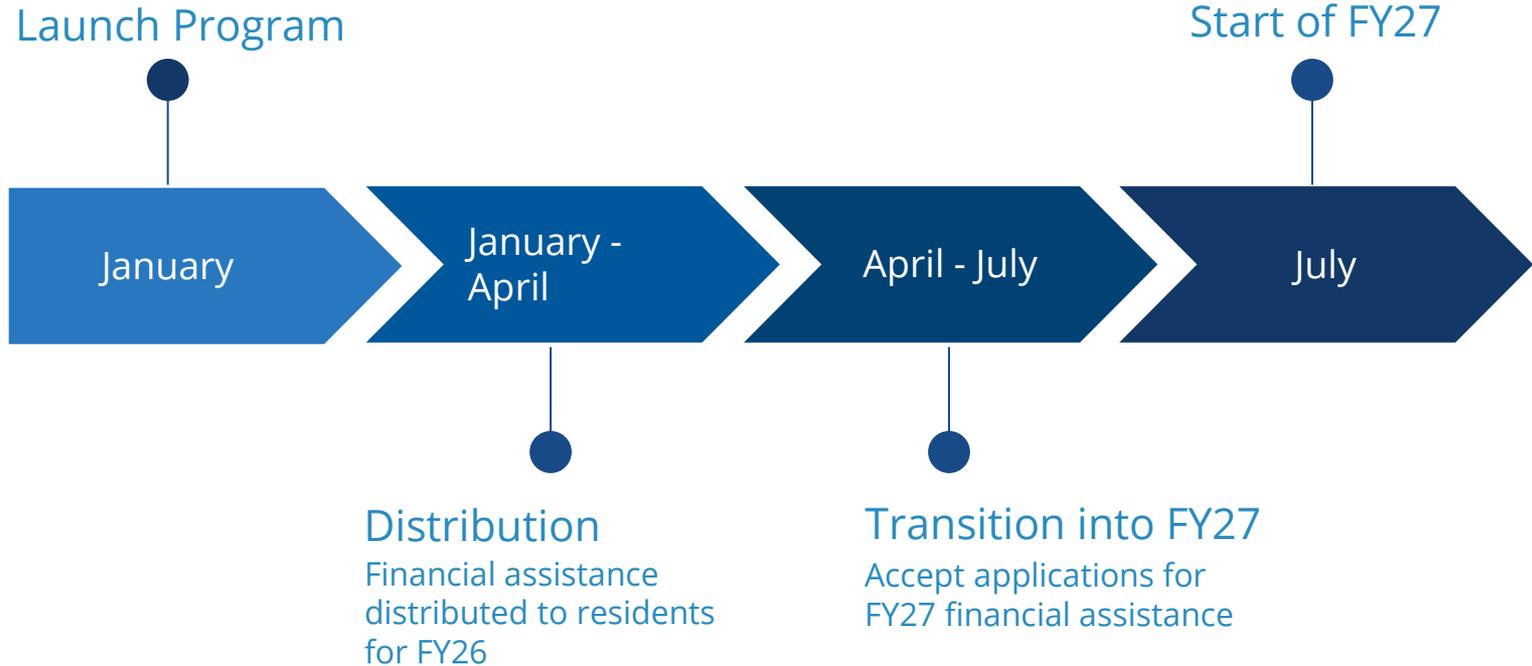
- **In-person application support:** Assistance at accessible community locations for residents unable to apply online.
 - Beginning January 28th through April 15th, 2026
 - 11 meetings will be held in libraries & recreation centers
- **Multi-channel outreach:** Press release, community meetings, direct mailer.

In-Person Clinics

- 01/28/2026 / Logan Heights Library
- 02/04/2026 / San Ysidro Library
- 02/11/2026 / Adams Ave Recreation Center
- 02/18/2026 / Allied Gardens Recreation Center
- 02/25/2026 / Central Library (Room 221)
- 03/04/2026 / Mira Mesa Library
- 03/11/2026 / Mission Hills-Hillcrest Knox Library
- 03/18/2026 / Mission Valley Library
- 03/25/2025 / North Park Library
- 04/08/2026 / Park De La Cruz Community Center
- 04/15/2026 / Valencia Park/Malcom X Library

* Check MAAC's website for details

Program Timeline



MAAC's Contact Information



- 619-946-4419



- SDSWAssistance@MAACproject.org



- maacproject.org/sdwassistance

