



Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District
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FIRE ASSESSMENT RATE REDUCTION "LIFELINE" PROGRAM

Description

Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District offers a rate reduction allowance for fees collected from the District's Special Benefit Assessment for property owners who meet the eligibility requirements based on the limited income guidelines below.

Eligibility

- You **must** be the residential property owner(s) listed on the tax bill **and** you must reside within SCFPD Fire District.
- Your ***TOTAL** Household's Income (before taxes) for **all** eligible people in the household must be at or below:

<u>*Number of People</u>	<u>Monthly Gross Income</u>	<u>Annual Gross Income</u>
1	\$1,808	\$21,700
2	\$2,067	\$24,800
3	\$2,325	\$27,900
4	\$2,583	\$31,000
5	\$2,792	\$33,500
6	\$3,000	\$36,000
7	\$3,205	\$38,450
8	\$3,412	\$40,950

*Number of people in the household as defined by the IRS including you, a spouse, and/or eligible dependents. An eligible dependent is defined eligible as someone who: 1) lives with and is related to you, 2) is a US citizen, US resident or resident of Canada or Mexico, 3) does not file a joint return, 4) must provide social security number for all household members, 5) does not have \$4,050 or more of gross (total) income (does not apply to your child if under age 19 or student under age 24), and 6) is financially supported (more than 50%) by you, 7) a dependent whom you claim on your IRS income tax. Income **must** be verified by your Federal Income Tax return and/or other proof of income. Rates may be adjusted annually.

Reduction Rate

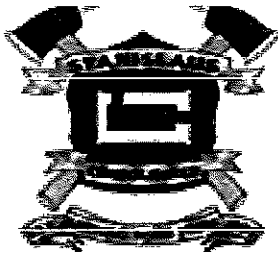
If approved, the rate reduction will be 50% of the current Special Benefit Assessment Charge for Residential Rate only.

Application Process

You **must** apply for the Rate Reduction "Lifeline" Program **and** submit application with the following required documents listed below:

1. Completed and Signed Application Form
2. Copy of your current Stanislaus County Tax Bill
3. Copy of your 2019 Federal Income Tax Return Statement
4. Proof of Total Household Income-(copies of 3 months proof of Total Household Income, deposits showing income)
5. Completed and Signed IRS 4506-T Form for every adult (18 yrs. or older) in the household
6. Completed and Signed SSA-3288 Form
7. Application and all required documents required must submitted to SCFPD at address listed above by **July 3, 2020**.

You must submit proof of total household income. The names on the tax bill and on the application must be the same. The property owner must reside in the home within the District. The District must receive application and required documents by the deadline date indicated on the application. Postmarks will not be accepted. Applications received after the deadline date will be processed as late. There is a \$40 fee charged to the District by the County for making late modifications. This fee will be deducted from any potential refund; *and/or* qualifying property owners who apply after the deadline. You must pay the full assessment for which you are billed. If approved, the District will reimburse the 50% reduction rate when requested by the property owner in writing and upon the District receiving proof, tax bills and payment in full, less the \$40 charge. If your application is approved, you will be mailed an application packet next year.



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FIRE ASSESSMENT RATE REDUCTION "LIFELINE" APPLICATION

Application must be returned by **July 3, 2020 by 5:00 pm** to qualify for the rate reduction program.

Application must be complete, signed and copies of all required documents must be included.

 Property Owner(s) Last Name First Name(s) Social Security # Phone

 Assessment Parcel No. Property Address City Zip

 Mailing Address (if different) City State Zip

YOU MUST SUBMIT PROOF (COPIES) OF 3 MONTHS TOTAL INCOME FOR ALL QUALIFIED PERSON(S) LIVING IN THE RESIDENCE AND A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT TAX BILL. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE REQUIRED FORMS ATTACHED AND THE INFORMATION BELOW FOR QUALIFICATION PURPOSES FOR THE "LIFELINE" PROGRAM.

***Incomplete applications will not be processed**

- I/We own the property listed above.
- My/our total annual gross household income meets the criteria listed on the attached program eligibility. Total annual gross household income, including (Social Security, Retirement Stipends, Savings, Interest, Pension Payments, Alimony, Child Support, State/County Aid, Cal Works, or any other sources of income) in calendar year 2019 totaled annual income of \$ _____ for # _____ qualifying dependents residing in the household (see definition in "eligibility" section of program description.) You must list each dependant(s) name, date of birth and social security number on a separate paper for each qualified dependant(s). You **must** submit copies of 2019 IRS Income Tax Return Statement and a completed Forms SSA-3288, 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return, provided with this Application; *and/or* other documents evidencing all household income for calendar year 2019, if no IRS Income Tax Return Statement was filed for calendar year 2019.
- A copy of my/our 2019 IRS Income Tax Return Statement and /or a completed Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return is included. If I/we did not file any IRS Income Tax Return Statement for calendar year 2019; enclosed are copies of all official documents evidencing all sources of income, including but not limited to (Social Security, Retirement Pensions, Savings, Dividends, Child Support, Alimony, State & County Aid, Cal Works and any other sources of income) along with the 4506-T Form and the SSA-3288 Form completed and signed.

DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

The information on this application and all required documentation is used to determine and verify my eligibility for this program. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact SCFPD if your household income increased above the current limits and SCFPD reserves the right to request further verification and/or certification at any time while the applicant is on this program. Misrepresentation of any information, failure to disclose all income or failure to provide additional documentation; including tax records and proof of income may result in disqualification in the Lifeline Rate Reduction Program. SCFPD will charge the applicant the amount of the discount inappropriately received in accordance with program rules. If eligible for the Lifeline Program discount, I permit the proper change to my assessment rate for the property address listed above and give consent to have my eligibility verified. I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information on this application is true and correct.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

*Please note that SCFPD may provide any information you submit to appropriate law enforcement agency, if requested in writing, specifying that a warrant of arrest has been issued as to the applicant for the rebate program, as provided in the Welfare and Institutions Code.

Request for Transcript of Tax Return

OMB No. 1545-1872

▶ Request may be rejected if the form is incomplete or illegible.

Tip. Use Form 4506-T to order a transcript or other return information free of charge. See the product list below. You can quickly request transcripts by using our automated self-help service tools. Please visit us at IRS.gov and click on "Order a Transcript" or call 1-800-908-9946. If you need a copy of your return, use Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return. There is a fee to get a copy of your return.

1a Name shown on tax return. If a joint return, enter the name shown first.	1b First social security number on tax return, individual taxpayer identification number, or employer identification number (see instructions)
2a If a joint return, enter spouse's name shown on tax return.	2b Second social security number or individual taxpayer identification number if joint tax return
3 Current name, address (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code (see instructions)	
4 Previous address shown on the last return filed if different from line 3 (see instructions)	
5 If the transcript or tax information is to be mailed to a third party (such as a mortgage company), enter the third party's name, address, and telephone number.	

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Caution. If the tax transcript is being mailed to a third party, ensure that you have filled in lines 6 through 9 before signing. Sign and date the form once you have filled in these lines. Completing these steps helps to protect your privacy. Once the IRS discloses your IRS transcript to the third party listed on line 5, the IRS has no control over what the third party does with the information. If you would like to limit the third party's authority to disclose your transcript information, you can specify this limitation in your written agreement with the third party.

6 **Transcript requested.** Enter the tax form number here (1040, 1065, 1120, etc.) and check the appropriate box below. Enter only one tax form number per request. ▶ 1040

a **Return Transcript**, which includes most of the line items of a tax return as filed with the IRS. A tax return transcript does not reflect changes made to the account after the return is processed. Transcripts are only available for the following returns: Form 1040 series, Form 1065, Form 1120, Form 1120A, Form 1120H, Form 1120L, and Form 1120S. Return transcripts are available for the current year and returns processed during the prior 3 processing years. Most requests will be processed within 10 business days

b **Account Transcript**, which contains information on the financial status of the account, such as payments made on the account, penalty assessments, and adjustments made by you or the IRS after the return was filed. Return information is limited to items such as tax liability and estimated tax payments. Account transcripts are available for most returns. Most requests will be processed within 30 calendar days

c **Record of Account**, which provides the most detailed information as it is a combination of the Return Transcript and the Account Transcript. Available for current year and 3 prior tax years. Most requests will be processed within 30 calendar days

7 **Verification of Nonfiling**, which is proof from the IRS that you **did not** file a return for the year. Current year requests are only available after June 15th. There are no availability restrictions on prior year requests. Most requests will be processed within 10 business days

8 **Form W-2, Form 1099 series, Form 1098 series, or Form 5498 series transcript.** The IRS can provide a transcript that includes data from these information returns. State or local information is not included with the Form W-2 information. The IRS may be able to provide this transcript information for up to 10 years. Information for the current year is generally not available until the year after it is filed with the IRS. For example, W-2 information for 2010, filed in 2011, will not be available from the IRS until 2012. If you need W-2 information for retirement purposes, you should contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213. Most requests will be processed within 45 days

Caution. If you need a copy of Form W-2 or Form 1099, you should first contact the payer. To get a copy of the Form W-2 or Form 1099 filed with your return, you must use Form 4506 and request a copy of your return, which includes all attachments.

9 **Year or period requested.** Enter the ending date of the year or period, using the mm/dd/yyyy format. If you are requesting more than four years or periods, you must attach another Form 4506-T. For requests relating to quarterly tax returns, such as Form 941, you must enter each quarter or tax period separately. 2019

Check this box if you have notified the IRS or the IRS has notified you that one of the years for which you are requesting a transcript involved **identity theft** on your federal tax return

Caution. Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.

Signature of taxpayer(s). I declare that I am either the taxpayer whose name is shown on line 1a or 2a, or a person authorized to obtain the tax information requested. If the request applies to a joint return, either husband or wife must sign. If signed by a corporate officer, partner, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, trustee, or party other than the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute Form 4506-T on behalf of the taxpayer. **Note.** For transcripts being sent to a third party, this form must be received within 120 days of the signature date.

		Phone number of taxpayer on line 1a or 2a
▶ Signature (see instructions)	Date	
▶ Title (if line 1a above is a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust)		
▶ Spouse's signature	Date	

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

What's New

The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form 4506-T at www.irs.gov/form4506. Information about any recent developments affecting Form 4506-T (such as legislation enacted after we released it) will be posted on that page.

General Instructions

CAUTION. Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.

Purpose of form. Use Form 4506-T to request tax return information. You can also designate (on line 5) a third party to receive the information. Taxpayers using a tax year beginning in one calendar year and ending in the following year (fiscal tax year) must file Form 4506-T to request a return transcript.

Note. If you are unsure of which type of transcript you need, request the Record of Account, as it provides the most detailed information.

Tip. Use Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return, to request copies of tax returns.

Where to file. Mail or fax Form 4506-T to the address below for the state you lived in, or the state your business was in, when that return was filed. There are two address charts: one for individual transcripts (Form 1040 series and Form W-2) and one for all other transcripts.

If you are requesting more than one transcript or other product and the chart below shows two different addresses, send your request to the address based on the address of your most recent return.

Automated transcript request. You can quickly request transcripts by using our automated self-help service tools. Please visit us at IRS.gov and click on "Order a Transcript" or call 1-800-908-9946.

Chart for individual transcripts (Form 1040 series and Form W-2 and Form 1099)

If you filed an individual return and lived in:	Mail or fax to the "Internal Revenue Service" at:
Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, a foreign country, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or A.P.O. or F.P.O. address	RAIVS Team Stop 6716 AUSC Austin, TX 73301 512-460-2272
Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming	RAIVS Team Stop 37106 Fresno, CA 93888 559-456-5876
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia	RAIVS Team Stop 6705 P-6 Kansas City, MO 64999 816-292-6102

Chart for all other transcripts

If you lived in or your business was in:	Mail or fax to the "Internal Revenue Service" at:
Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, a foreign country, or A.P.O. or F.P.O. address	RAIVS Team P.O. Box 9941 Mail Stop 6734 Ogden, UT 84409 801-620-6922
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin	RAIVS Team P.O. Box 145500 Stop 2800 F Cincinnati, OH 45250 859-669-3592

Line 1b. Enter your employer identification number (EIN) if your request relates to a business return. Otherwise, enter the first social security number (SSN) or your individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) shown on the return. For example, if you are requesting Form 1040 that includes Schedule C (Form 1040), enter your SSN.

Line 3. Enter your current address. If you use a P. O. box, include it on this line.

Line 4. Enter the address shown on the last return filed if different from the address entered on line 3.

Note. If the address on lines 3 and 4 are different and you have not changed your address with the IRS, file Form 8822, Change of Address.

Line 6. Enter only one tax form number per request.

Signature and date. Form 4506-T must be signed and dated by the taxpayer listed on line 1a or 2a. If you completed line 5 requesting the information be sent to a third party, the IRS must receive Form 4506-T within 120 days of the date signed by the taxpayer or it will be rejected. Ensure that all applicable lines are completed before signing.

Individuals. Transcripts of jointly filed tax returns may be furnished to either spouse. Only one signature is required. Sign Form 4506-T exactly as your name appeared on the original return. If you changed your name, also sign your current name.

Corporations. Generally, Form 4506-T can be signed by: (1) an officer having legal authority to bind the corporation, (2) any person designated by the board of directors or other governing body, or (3) any officer or employee on written request by any principal officer and attested to by the secretary or other officer.

Partnerships. Generally, Form 4506-T can be signed by any person who was a member of the partnership during any part of the tax period requested on line 9.

All others. See section 6103(e) if the taxpayer has died, is insolvent, is a dissolved corporation, or if a trustee, guardian, executor, receiver, or administrator is acting for the taxpayer.

Documentation. For entities other than individuals, you must attach the authorization document. For example, this could be the letter from the principal officer authorizing an employee of the corporation or the letters testamentary authorizing an individual to act for an estate.

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice. We ask for the information on this form to establish your right to gain access to the requested tax information under the Internal Revenue Code. We need this information to properly identify the tax information and respond to your request. You are not required to request any transcript; if you do request a transcript, sections 6103 and 6109 and their regulations require you to provide this information, including your SSN or EIN. If you do not provide this information, we may not be able to process your request. Providing false or fraudulent information may subject you to penalties.

Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file Form 4506-T will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is: **Learning about the law or the form, 10 min.;** **Preparing the form, 12 min.;** and **Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS, 20 min.**

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making Form 4506-T simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to:

Internal Revenue Service
Tax Products Coordinating Committee
SE:W:CAR:MP:T:M:S
1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526
Washington, DC 20224

Do not send the form to this address. Instead, see *Where to file* on this page.

Consent for Release of Information

You must complete all required fields. We will not honor your request unless all required fields are completed. (*Signifies a required field. **Please complete these fields in case we need to contact you about the consent form).

TO: Social Security Administration

*My Full Name	*My Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	*My Social Security Number
I authorize the Social Security Administration to release information or records about me to:		
*NAME OF PERSON OR ORGANIZATION:	*ADDRESS OF PERSON OR ORGANIZATION:	
Stanislaus Consolidated Fire	3324 Topeka Street	
Protection District	Riverbank, CA 95367	

***I want this information released because:** I am applying for a "Lifeline" Rate Reduced Assessment Fee
We may charge a fee to release information for non-program purposes.

***Please release the following information selected from the list below:**
Check at least one box. We will not disclose records unless you include date ranges where applicable.

- 1. Verification of Social Security Number
- 2. Current monthly Social Security benefit amount
- 3. Current monthly Supplemental Security Income payment amount
- 4. My benefit or payment amounts from date 01/01/2019 to date 12/31/2019
- 5. My Medicare entitlement from date _____ to date _____
- 6. Medical records from my claims folder(s) from date _____ to date _____
If you want us to release a minor child's medical records, do not use this form. Instead, contact your local Social Security office.
- 7. Complete medical records from my claims folder(s)
- 8. Other record(s) from my file (We will not honor a request for "any and all records" or "the entire file." You must specify other records; e.g., consultative exams, award/denial notices, benefit applications, appeals, questionnaires, doctor reports, determinations.)

I am the individual, to whom the requested information or record applies, or the parent or legal guardian of a minor, or the legal guardian of a legally incompetent adult. I declare under penalty of perjury (28 CFR § 16.41(d)(2004) that I have examined all the information on this form and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that anyone who knowingly or willfully seeking or obtaining access to records about another person under false pretenses is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000. I also understand that I must pay all applicable fees for requesting information for a non-program-related purpose.

*Signature: _____ *Date: _____

**Address: _____ **Daytime Phone: _____

Relationship (if not the subject of the record): _____ **Daytime Phone: _____

Witnesses must sign this form ONLY if the above signature is by mark (X). If signed by mark (X), two witnesses to the signing who know the signee must sign below and provide their full addresses. Please print the signee's name next to the mark (X) on the signature line above.

1. Signature of witness	2. Signature of witness
Address(Number and street, City, State, and Zip Code)	Address(Number and street, City, State, and Zip Code)

Instructions for Using this Form

Complete this form only if you want us to give information or records about you, a minor, or a legally incompetent adult, to an individual or group (for example, a doctor or an insurance company). If you are the natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian, acting on behalf of a minor child, you may complete this form to release only the minor's non-medical records. We may charge a fee for providing information unrelated to the administration of a program under the Social Security Act.

NOTE: Do not use this form to:

- Request the release of medical records on behalf of a minor child. Instead, visit your local Social Security office or call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY-1-800-325-0778), or
- Request detailed information about your earnings or employment history. Instead, complete and mail form SSA-7050-F4. You can obtain form SSA-7050-F4 from your local Social Security office or online at www.ssa.gov/online/ssa-7050.pdf.

How to Complete this Form

We will not honor this form unless all required fields are completed. An asterisk (*) indicates a required field. Also, we will not honor blanket requests for "any and all records" or the "entire file." You must specify the information you are requesting and you must sign and date this form. We may charge a fee to release information for non-program purposes.

- Fill in your name, date of birth, and social security number or the name, date of birth, and social security number of the person to whom the requested information pertains.
- Fill in the name and address of the person or organization where you want us to send the requested information.
- Specify the reason you want us to release the information.
- Check the box next to the type(s) of information you want us to release including the date ranges, where applicable.
- For non-medical information, you, the parent or the legal guardian acting on behalf of a minor child or legally incompetent adult, must sign and date this form and provide a daytime phone number.
- If you are not the individual to whom the requested information pertains, state your relationship to that person. We may require proof of relationship.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Section 205(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorizes us to collect the information requested on this form. We will use the information you provide to respond to your request for access to the records we maintain about you or to process your request to release your records to a third party. You do not have to provide the requested information. Your response is voluntary; however, we cannot honor your request to release information or records about you to another person or organization without your consent. We rarely use the information provided on this form for any purpose other than to respond to requests for SSA records information. However, the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)) permits us to disclose the information you provide on this form in accordance with approved routine uses, which include but are not limited to the following:

1. To enable an agency or third party to assist Social Security in establishing rights to Social Security benefits and or coverage;
2. To make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, State, and local level;
3. To comply with Federal laws requiring the disclosure of the information from our records; and,
4. To facilitate statistical research, audit, or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity of SSA programs.

We may also use the information you provide when we match records by computer. Computer matching programs compare our records with those of other Federal, State, or local government agencies. We use information from these matching programs to establish or verify a person's eligibility for Federally-funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of incorrect payments or overpayments under these programs. Additional information regarding this form, routine uses of information, and other Social Security programs is available on our Internet website, www.socialsecurity.gov, or at your local Social Security office.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

This information collection meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended by section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. We estimate that it will take about 3 minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. **SEND OR BRING THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE.** You can find your local Social Security office through SSA's website at www.socialsecurity.gov. Offices are also listed under U.S. Government agencies in your telephone directory or you may call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). You may send comments on our time estimate above to: SSA, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. *Send only comments relating to our time estimate to this address, not the completed form.*