

DETAILS



No commitment

Explore the program prior to formal application. No risk of any penalty or code enforcement.



Low cost plus financial support

Take advantage of low cost initial inspections and minimal fees—plus the possibility of rehabilitation loans for some qualified applicants.



Achievable standards and detailed guidance for compliance

Comply with easily achievable rehabilitation standards and the assistance of County and 4LEAF staff throughout the process.



No risk of penalties and future code enforcement

Obtain a certification record to ensure your second unit will not be subject to future code enforcement.

BENEFITS



Improve property values

Formalize your second unit to make your property more desirable to potential buyers.



Reduce risks

Have peace of mind that you will not have to deal with unexpected fines or future code enforcement.



Healthy and safe living conditions

Get greater assurance that your second unit is habitable and does not present risks to occupants.



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



4LEAF, INC.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

To schedule a consultation with County staff and begin the process of exploring the amnesty program with no risk of any code enforcement action, contact:

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SECOND UNIT Amnesty Program

A program for formalizing/rehabilitating existing second units built without necessary permits and approvals



SECOND UNIT AMNESTY PROGRAM

San Mateo County is offering an amnesty program for existing second units (aka granny units, in-law units, accessory dwelling units) built without some or all necessary permits and approvals.

PROGRAM GOALS

Enable homeowners to bring their second units into compliance with basic health and safety standards without the risk of fines and code enforcement action—and with significant fee reductions and assistance in determining necessary improvements.

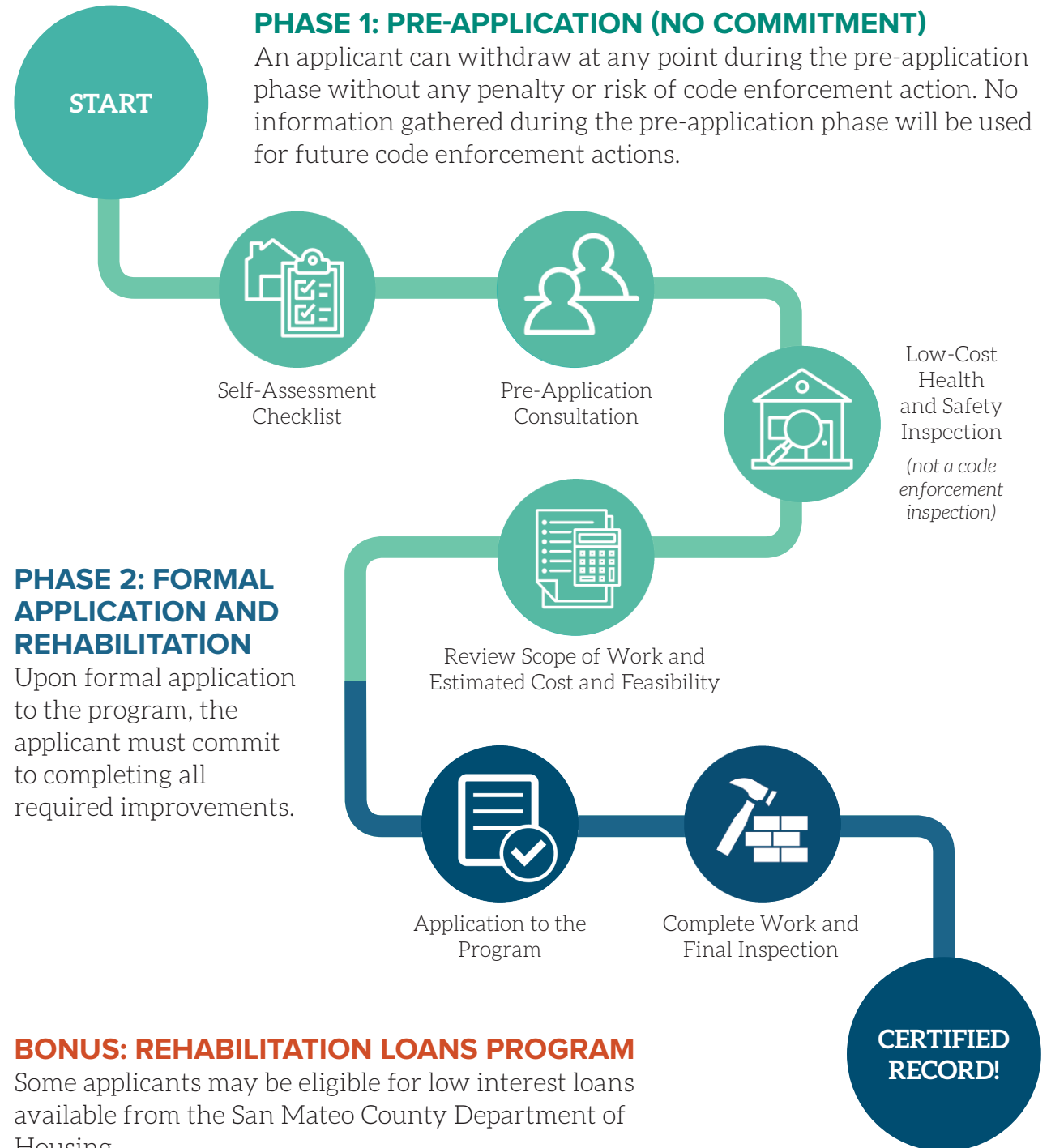
LIMITED TIME ONLY!

This program is only available for a limited time, between one to two years, beginning early 2019. You must apply soon to be eligible.

SECOND UNIT ELIGIBILITY

- Built prior to January 2017
- Currently or previously occupied by a resident (Must show proof)
- Located on a residentially zoned parcel (i.e. zoning districts R-1, R-2, R-3, NMU, or PC)
- Located outside of the County's Coastal Zone

WHAT DOES THE PROCESS LOOK LIKE?



BONUS: REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM

Some applicants may be eligible for low interest loans available from the San Mateo County Department of Housing.