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## Does the City of San Diego Owe You Money? Check if You're on the List

MORE THAN \$818,000 IS READY TO BE CLAIMED BY HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

SAN DIEGO—The City of San Diego is trying to reach businesses and individuals who are owed money by the City in the form of refunds or vendor payment checks. According to the City's Unclaimed Monies Report, over \$818,000 is currently being held by the City and can be returned to more than 600 individuals and businesses. Check amounts range from \$1 to \$222,332.

The report includes checks the City has already tried to send to the addresses on record. However, if a check is returned due to address issues or if the check is not cashed within six months, it's considered unclaimed money. With a commitment to financial integrity and community service, the City aims to return these funds to their rightful owners.

The report is updated quarterly and is available to the public free of charge. Anyone can review the Unclaimed Monies Report and <u>file a claim</u> at any time.

"As stewards of public funds, it's our responsibility to ensure that every dollar is accounted for and returned to its rightful owner," said Roma Nichols, Disbursements Manager with the Department of Finance. "We want to make sure that businesses and individuals are aware of any unclaimed funds owed to them so that they can be promptly reunited with their money. We encourage everyone to take a moment to search for their name or business name to see if they are owed money. It's a simple process that can make a significant difference".

Last year, the City returned approximately \$377,576 to 83 recipients listed on the Unclaimed Monies Report, representing only 45% of the total unclaimed money returned. The average claim was \$2,659.

Recipients are reminded that they typically have about one year from when the check was issued to claim their funds. For checks issued before April 1, 2024, the deadline for claims is Monday, June 17, 2024. After this date, any unclaimed funds will be transferred to the City of San Diego's General Fund on Monday, July 1, 2024.

Businesses and individuals are encouraged to visit the <u>portal</u> to find and claim their money. Once a claim is verified, a check will be issued within three to four weeks. For more information, visit sandiego.gov/finance/unclaimed.

To submit a claim, print and complete the <u>Unclaimed Monies Form</u> and mail it to:

City of San Diego, Department of Finance Unclaimed Monies Claim Processing 202 C St. – Mail Station 7A San Diego, CA 92101

For questions, reach out to <u>DoF@sandiego.gov</u> or call 619-236-6310.

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