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# Unclaimed Money at the City of San Diego May Be Waiting for You

PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW DATA ON CITY'S WEBSITE TO DETERMINE IF PART OF \$660,000 BELONGS TO THEM

SAN DIEGO – Anyone who has done business with the City of San Diego in the past three years, including paying business taxes, could be owed money. Check amounts range from \$1 to \$22,000.

The City regularly receives returned checks that are undeliverable based on the address on file. Checks that remain uncashed after six months become unclaimed monies. The unclaimed monies report is available on the City's website at [sandiego.gov/finance/unclaimed](http://sandiego.gov/finance/unclaimed) and is updated quarterly. There is no charge to search the data or to file a claim.

Since this time last year, the City returned \$368,000 to 119 recipients who were listed on the unclaimed monies report, meaning 29% of the unclaimed monies were returned by the City. The average claim was \$3,091.

**“We know times are tough for people right now due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and we want to refund every single dollar of unclaimed money to the public,”** said Fanela Catapia, Disbursements Manager with the Department of Finance. **“A simple search is all it takes to verify if you were issued a check that has gone unclaimed.”**

Currently, there are nearly 1,700 accounts with more than \$660,000 in unclaimed monies belonging to people or businesses that have not received money owed to them because of refunds or vendor payments. Payees have approximately one year to claim their money after it's been added to the unclaimed monies report. The last day to submit a claim for checks issued prior to April 1, 2019, is Thursday, June 18, 2020.

To submit a claim, print and complete the [Request for Unclaimed Monies](#) form 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

Once a claim is verified, a replacement check will be issued in four to six weeks. Questions about unclaimed money may be submitted by email to [DoF@sandiego.gov](mailto:DoF@sandiego.gov) or call 619-236-6310.

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