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# City of San Diego May Owe You Unclaimed Money

**INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES ENCOURAGED TO SEARCH REPORT TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE OWED A PORTION OF \$1 MILLION**

SAN DIEGO – Anyone who has done business with the City of San Diego in the past three years, including paying business taxes or utility fees, could be owed money. Check amounts range from \$1 to \$35,000.

The City regularly receives returned checks that are undeliverable based on the address on file. Checks that remain uncashed after six months become unclaimed money. Currently, the City has \$1 million in unclaimed money owed to people or businesses due to refunds or vendor payments.

The Unclaimed Monies Report is available on the City’s website at [sandiego.gov/finance/unclaimed](https://sandiego.gov/finance/unclaimed) and is updated quarterly.

**“We know times are tough for people right now due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and we understand how every penny counts, especially to those who are trying their best to make ends meet,” said Fanela Catapia, Disbursements Manager with the Department of Finance. “We encourage everyone to search through the list and determine if they are owed any money by the City.”**

Payees have approximately one year after check issuance to claim their money. The last day to submit a claim for checks issued prior to April 1, 2020, is Monday, June 21, 2021. The deadline is approaching with funds for nearly 2,700 payments due to be reverted back to the City of San Diego this fiscal year.

Since this time last year, the City has returned less than \$135,000 to 39 recipients who were listed on the Unclaimed Monies Report, meaning only 20% of the unclaimed monies were claimed. The average claim was \$3,451. Due to the pandemic, last year’s deadline was extended due to the shelter in place order.

There is no charge to search the data or to file a claim. 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 by calling 619-236-6310.

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