

Rental Assistance for Financial Hardship

Depending on the state of the farm's finances, financial assistance may be made available to Sponsors who are experiencing financial hardship. If the finance committee determines that there are adequate funds on hand, financial assistance may be made available for a limited period of time up to a maximum of 6 months of rent. The duration of financial assistance is made on a case-by-case basis by the finance committee. The individual Sponsor who is interested in obtaining financial assistance needs to contact the finance committee and set up a meeting to discuss the details of their situation and develop a plan for the future. Unless an agreement is set up and approved by the finance committee, all Makerfarm Sponsors are expected to pay their rent on time as per their rental agreement. Delinquent and/or outstanding payments owed to the farm are subject to late fees and/or interest charges unless an individual agreement is made with the finance committee.

If the Sponsor is unable to make payments after exceeding the maximum 6-month financial assistance period, their rental agreement may be terminated, and otherwise reassessed by the membership committee.

Please note that financial assistance for hardship only applies to Sponsors who are expected to be paying rent in normal circumstances, as per their signed rental agreement. This is different from Sponsors who are brought into the Bay Area Maker Farm through subsidized Sponsorship. Subsidized sponsorships are for sponsors who are brought into the farm at no cost to themselves, and for an indefinite period of time.