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Affinity Property Management whose portfolio includes >10,00@ units applied for covid Rental assistance under my name through LCF, without informing me. I learned of this when I applied for OERAP who provided me with the payments my landlord received. The landlord refused to credit me with the mandatory LCF 20% forgiveness. Next, I received OERAP funds, after the landlord refused to cooperate. OERAP & I were forced to take additional steps in order to process my application. Next, I applied for the Community Action emergency assistance. Again I was eligible which was verified during my CA intake. The landlord refused to provide a rent ledger on their letterhead to CA. This resulted in my application being placed at the bottom of the list, and the program is no longer accepting new applicants. I was evicted. My argument to the judge was that a landlord who refuses public assistance funds cannot then collect it from the tenant. I would like to implement rules that prevent a landlord from evicting a tenant for nonpayment of rent, if they refused the legitimate public assistance.