



~~First-come, first-served opportunity to help approximately 150 customers~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The [Pasco Board of County Commissioners](#) (BCC) is pleased to offer another round of CARES assistance through our **Community CARES** program to help pay your bills directly if you live in Pasco County and have experienced economic hardship due to COVID-19. This one-time assistance will be available **Tuesday, July 21, 2020**, to 150 people on a **first-come, first-served basis**. **More assistance will be available in the coming months, so please monitor MyPasco.net for updates.*

WHAT: Community CARES Program
WHERE: Apply online at: bit.ly/3exSIDj
WHEN: Applications Open: Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 9 a.m.
WHO: Anyone who has not yet received Pasco CARES assistance

The types of bills eligible for payment under the Community CARES program include:

- ✓ **Mortgage** (for homesteaded properties)
- ✓ **Rent**
- ✓ **Utilities** (water & electric only)

“The Pasco County Human Services team is devoted to serving our customers throughout the challenges caused by COVID-19,” said Community Services Director Brian Hoben. “We know our communities are hurting financially, and we hope that offering some bill-paying assistance will provide a little relief.”

Pasco County received funding for this program through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security or [CARES Act](#). The BCC initially appropriated \$4 million to Pasco CARES. **Community CARES** will use the remainder of that funding, with a maximum allowance of \$3,500 per household. Residents will be income-qualified at or below 80% of the Area Median Income and must prove Pasco residency and economic impact from COVID-19.

[Community Services](#) will administer the Community CARES program as part of our mission to improve the lives of Pasco’s residents through housing and community partnerships using state and federal funding.