



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**May 7, 2020**

**Department of Emergency Management**  
**Pasco Emergency Operations Center**  
**Media Relations & Communications**  
**Office: 727.815.7177**

**\*UPDATE\***

**Pasco County Pasco CARES Program Applications Now Closed**

*~~Application limit reached in 15 minutes~~*

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The **Pasco CARES** Program, offered by the [Pasco Board of County Commissioners](#) (BCC), to help people in Pasco pay their bills directly if they experienced economic hardship due to COVID-19 **is now closed**. Applications opened at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 7 and the first-come, first-served 1,200 resident **limit was reached within the first 15 minutes**.

We appreciate your patience and understanding, as demand for this program was understandably extremely high.

**If you applied for this program and have questions about the application process, please call Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411.**

Pasco County received funding for this program through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security or [CARES Act](#) to help people pay their mortgage, rent, utility bills and more.

The BCC appropriated \$4 million to **Pasco CARES** with a maximum amount 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 Development](#) and [Community Services](#) will administer the Pasco 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.*