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## **Pasco County Offers More Assistance Through Community CARES**

*~~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, August 11, 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/2DxdKj6](https://bit.ly/2DxdKj6)**

**WHEN:**       **Applications Open: Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 9 a.m.**

**WHO:**        **Anyone who has not yet received Community CARES assistance**

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

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

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.

For more information about this program or the application process, please call Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411.

*[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.*

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