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Pasco County Offers More Assistance Through Community CARES

~~First-come, first-served opportunity to help approximately 800 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, September 1, 2020**, to 800 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/2EtSEml**

WHEN: **Applications Open: Tuesday, September 1, 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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