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Help Is on The Way for Collier County Residents Facing Foreclosure and Eviction or Housing Instability

Naples, Fla. - Collier County is expanding its scope to help more residents who are struggling to pay rent, mortgage or utilities, or a combination of those. The County has allocated \$7 million of the American Rescue Plan Act funds toward lessening the housing affordability issue.

Qualifications include proof of income between 81% and 140% area median income (AMI), Collier County residency and financial strain during COVID-19. A detailed list of eligibility requirements is provided below.

Collier County	30%	17,750	20,250	22,800	26,500	31,040	35,580	40,120	44,660	Refer to HUD	443	475	570	719	889	1,059	
(Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island MS)	50%	29,550	33,750	37,950	42,150	45,550	48,900	52,300	55,650	59,010	62,382	738	791	948	1,096	1,222	1,349
	80%	47,250	54,000	60,750	67,450	72,850	78,250	83,650	89,050	94,416	99,811	1,181	1,265	1,518	1,753	1,956	2,158
Median: 84,300	120%	70,920	81,000	91,080	101,160	109,320	117,360	125,520	133,560	141,624	149,717	1,773	1,899	2,277	2,631	2,934	3,238
	140%	82,740	94,500	106,260	118,020	127,540	136,920	146,440	155,820	165,228	174,670	2,068	2,215	2,656	3,069	3,423	3,778

Income table used to determine AMI

Each qualified applicant may receive a maximum amount of \$25,000 that will be paid directly to the landlord, mortgage or utility provider(s).

Applications will be available online in the coming weeks. Interested individuals can sign up for updates online at CollierFLAssistance.com and clicking on “Sign up for household assistance email alerts.”

The County is also currently accepting Emergency Rental Assistance Program applications from those who need similar assistance and whose income is at or below 80% AMI. Between these two programs, the county is expecting to help more residents experiencing housing instability. Housing instability encompasses many challenges, such as struggling to pay rent, living in an overcrowded situation or moving frequently, among others. Apply online at CollierFLAssistance.com.

The County has also entered into agreements with Legal Aid, to provide legal services for those facing foreclosure and eviction, and HELP, to provide financial counseling services. Legal Aid can be reached at (239) 775-4555 and HELP can be reached at (239) 434-2397.

Eligibility requirements include:

- a) One or more individuals within the household has qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship **during or due directly or indirectly to the COVID-19 outbreak.**

- b) One or more individuals within the household must demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.
- c) Applicants must be Collier County residents, at least 18 years of age, a legal U.S. resident or eligible non-citizen.

To verify eligibility, applicants should be prepared to provide the following documentation:

1. Drivers Licenses / Valid Photo IDs

- All residents ages 18 and older
- Proof of address if drivers' license doesn't match lease address

2. Proof of Citizenship/Legal Residency

- For one adult household member

3. Household Income Verification (All household members over 18 years old)

- Household Income Verification (pay stub, tax return etc.)
- All other sources of Income Support

4. Utility Bills

- Electric (FPL or LCEC)
- Internet (Xfinity, Comcast)
- Water

5. Same Name Affidavit

- If documents show multiple spellings/names for an individual

6. Landlord Information

- Current signed lease
- Current rent ledger
- Copy of W-9

7. Mortgage Information

- Current mortgage statement

For more information, call Collier County Community and Human Services at (239) 252-CARE (2273) or (239) 450-2114. For media inquiries, call Public Information Coordinator Daniel Christenbury at (239) 252-6956.