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Rental Program Offers up to \$20,000 to Collier County Residents Impacted by Hurricane Ian

Naples, Fla. --- Collier County is offering a State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Hurricane Rental program that will provide up to \$20,000 per qualified household impacted by Hurricane Ian. An applicant must be a current Collier resident and resident at the time Hurricane Ian came ashore on September 28, 2022. <u>Applications</u> open **Wednesday**, **May 17 at 12 p.m.**

Rental assistance is provided on a first come, first-qualify (completed application and documentation) basis until funds are exhausted. The household must have a direct housing or financial impact from Hurricane Ian and have needs that will not be served or fully met by the FEMA Temporary Shelter Assistance Program or loss of use from insurance. Rent arrearage is available to September 28, 2022, or a six-month maximum. Income and other requirements are needed to qualify and are available to review online at <u>CollierCountyHousing.com</u>.

Applicants must meet income limits up to 120% area median income (AMI) with priority given to those under 50% AMI and households with special needs. See chart below for the current income limits. For a full list of requirements, visit the <u>SHIP Hurricane Rental Program Frequently Asked Questions page</u>.

Income Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
30% AMI	\$19,850	\$22,650	\$25,500	\$28,300	\$32,470	\$37,190	\$41,910	\$46,630	Refer to HUD	Refer to HUD
50% AMI	\$33,050	\$37,750	\$42,450	\$47,150	\$50,950	\$54,700	\$58,500	\$62,250	\$66,010	\$69,782
80% AMI	\$52,850	\$60,400	\$67,950	\$75,450	\$81,500	\$87,550	\$93,600	\$99,600	\$105,616	\$111,651
120% AMI	\$79,320	\$90,600	\$101,880	\$113,160	\$122,280	\$131,280	\$140,400	\$149,400	\$158,424	\$167,477

Collier County Income Limit by Number of Persons in Household

While assistance is for rent, utilities that are required by the terms of the lease agreement such as water, sewer and trash may also be eligible. Telecommunication services such as cable, telephone and internet are not eligible. Utilities covered by the landlord within the rent are treated as rent. Other expenses that may be covered include application fees and relocation costs such as first, last and security deposits. Moving and movers' expenses are not allowed for reimbursement.

If an applicant does not have internet service, or it is unreliable, they should go to any Collier County library to use the computer, scanner or printer and copier equipment that is assigned for public use.

For assistance with applications call Collier County Community and Human Services at 239-450-2114 or dial 311. For media inquiries call Public Information Coordinator Maria Pizzaro at 239-252-8113.