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\$1.4M for Rent and Mortgage Assistance Available to Those Affected by COVID-19 in Collier County

Must qualify. Financed in part by HUD, FHFC and Collier County Community and Human Services Division

Naples, Fla. – The Collier County Community and Human Services Division, in partnership with the United Way of Collier County and the Keys, will be providing more than \$1.4M for rent or mortgage assistance to qualifying households impacted by COVID-19.

Funding is provided through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) and the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP). The ESG-CV funds are available for residents in need of short-term rental assistance and the SHIP funds will provide both short-term rental assistance and mortgage assistance, financial counseling, or foreclosure prevention for households who have lost employment or income during the Coronavirus pandemic. Funding allocations are:

Program	United Way Contracts
ESG-CV	\$636,415
SHIP	\$801,145
TOTAL	\$1,437,560

All applicants must meet the income guidelines as required by the funding sources. Qualifications include at or below the 50% Area Median Income (AMI) for ESG-CV applicants and less than 120% of AMI for SHIP applicants. See newly released 2020 income levels attached.

“We are excited to release this emergency funding directly to the members of our community most in need at this time”, said Kristi Sonntag, Director, Collier County Community and Human Services.

For information on how to apply, residents should contact the United Way online at unitedwayofcolliercounty.org or call (239) 263-4211.

This effort is financed in part by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) and the Collier County Community and Human Services Division

For more information on this and other housing programs administered by Collier County Community and Human Services, call Kristi Sonntag, Director at (239) 252-4228. For media inquiries, call Daniel Christenbury, Public Information Coordinator, at (239) 405-1300.