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Public Notice of Funding Availability for Residents of Indian River County, Florida

CARES ACT/Coronavirus Relief Fund Mortgage and Rent Payment Assistance

This is an updated public notice for the County's previously advertised Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Mortgage and Rent Payment Assistance program funded by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and the County's parallel program funded by County CARES Act funds from the Florida Department of Emergency Management. The CRF program has ended and the County CARES Act Mortgage and Rent Payment Assistance program is continuing as described below.

Indian River County has allocated \$4.5 million in County CARES Act funds to be used for mortgage and rent assistance payments to Indian River County households economically affected by the Coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic (loss/reduction of income). Only Indian River County Households with Household incomes of less than 140% of the Area Median Income (AMI) computed by household size as published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are eligible for this assistance (based on reduced income). Rent and mortgage payment assistance, may include late payments, and late fees and charges. Mortgage payments may also include a portion of taxes and insurance under limited circumstances (e.g. when escrowed) as may be allowed by state and federal rules.

Under this program, Indian River County will provide the amount of the actual rent or mortgage payment up to \$1,500 per month, with the maximum total award from this program not to exceed \$4,500. Payments may only be made for up to 6 months if not previously assisted by County CARES Act funds from a partner agency/municipality or up to 3 months if previously assisted by County CARES Act funds from a partner agency/municipality (subject to the above noted per month and maximum assistance caps). Mortgage/rent payments may be made for missed payments between March 1, 2020 and the month the applicant is awarded funds from the County (current month), mortgage/rent payments may also be made for near term future rent/mortgage payments as program rules and policies allow.

The County is utilizing/continuing to review applications submitted for the previously advertised CRF/CARES Act programs for payments from the CARES Act funds. The application period remains open for new applications on a first come first served basis until all funds are expended (\$4,500,000 minus funds necessary for administrative costs) or as funds are otherwise re-allocated for other uses. The County reserves the right to update this advertisement to set an end date and/or to modify program rules.

The application submittal process is being conducted on-line through ZoomGrants. An **ACTIVE/LIVE link to the Fillable Application** is available at the following link:

<https://zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2374&limited=3075>

Applicants must create a log-in account with ZoomGrants using their e-mail address and then afterwards may log into the ZoomGrants website, fill out the application, electronically sign the application, upload all completed required attachments and formally submit the application with attachments on the website.

Applicants will need to print attachments from the application attachments page, complete those attachments in blue or black ink, and scan and save (or take a photo of) those completed attachments in a standard/common readable file/image format (e.g. PDF, JPEG, TIFF, PNG, GIF, etc.) and then upload to their application. Applicants will also need to similarly scan (or take a photo of) other required documents (e.g. driver's license, copy of lease and/or delinquency notice (if renter), copy of mortgage statement (if homeowner), etc). and upload to their application on ZoomGrants.

CRF Application Help Centers are available for potential applicants that may not have access to a computer, printer, and scanner. The Help Centers are located in the Indian River County Intergenerational Center at 1590 9th St SW, Vero Beach, FL 32962 (Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), the North County Library at 1001 Sebastian Blvd Sebastian, FL 32958 (Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), and the Indian River County Health Department at 1900 27th St, Vero Beach, FL 32960 (Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

A limited number of computers are available for public use for applicants to complete applications. Please be aware that space and access to the Help Center may be limited based on demand and limited available resources. A Spanish speaking staff person is available at the Health Department Help Center location. Applicants are encouraged to call the Help Center location nearest to their location and if in person assistance is needed applicants are encouraged to call ahead and schedule an appointment.

Additional information about the program is posted on the ZoomGrants website.

General questions may be directed to the following common/shared e-mail address: crfhousing@ircgov.com Or to the **General Help Line at 772-226-1870**.

Specific Help Centers may also be contacted at the phone numbers and e-mails listed below.

South County Help Center Contact

Main Line, 772-226-1780

Central County Help Center Contact

Leigh Uribe, 772-226-1631 or luribe@ircgov.com

North County Help Center Contact

Kathleen Bowman at 772- 581-7688 or kmbowman@irclibrary.org

Hardcopies of the application and related forms may also be picked up outside of the Community Development Department office at 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960 anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. While hardcopies of the application and related documents will be available, please note that an electronic copy of the application must still be submitted via the ZoomGrants website (in order to reserve your place in line).