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Eligible Applicants

- Hernando County Resident
- Income must have been reduced due to COVID-19
- Ability to provide required documentation
- Meets maximum gross annual income guidelines

Eligible Grant Uses

- Rental assistance payments (including back rent, deposits and utility payments);
- Mortgage payments and buydowns;
- Emergency repair of housing;
- Assistance to homeowners to pay insurance deductibles
- Housing re-entry assistance, such as security deposits, utility deposits, and temporary storage of household furnishings;
- Foreclosure or eviction prevention, including monthly rent and associated fees;
- Homeownership counseling.

Income Limits

- Maximum gross annual income of all household members combined

Household Size and

Maximum Gross Annual Household Income 120% Median

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$59,160	\$67,560	\$75,960	\$84,360	\$91,200	\$97,920	\$104,640	\$111,360

Amount of Assistance Available Per Household

- Mortgage Assistance up to \$5,000.00 per household
- Rental Assistance up to \$5,000.00 per household (Back rent, deposits)
- Utility Assistance up to \$500.00 per household (Water, sewer, trash, electric, gas, internet, cable, phone, etc.)
- Reentry Assistance up to \$1,500.00 per household (Security deposits and utility deposits)

Application Process

- Go to www.hernandocounty.us/housing and download the application for Hernando Cares Housing Assistance Program
- Print and complete the application
- Gather all applicable documents (see attached requirements)
- Return the complete application packet

All applicable documentation as listed below needs to be returned together and mailed to the following address:

Hernando County Housing Authority

621 West Jefferson Street

Brooksville, FL 34601

Application Requirements (as applicable to each applicant/household member)

- Duplication of benefits agreement signed by all household members 18 years of age or over
- Housing Intake Application signed by all household members 18 years of age or over
- Signed Self Certification of income for each household member 18 years of age or over
- Resident Income Certification signed by all household members 18 years of age or over
- Award/Denial Letter from unemployment
- Letter from employer stating the reason for layoff or reduction in hours. Letter to include employers name, Employer Identification Number (EIN), address and phone number
- Most recent 4 consecutive paystubs for all household members 18 years of age or over
- Most recent month statement from all financial accounts (checking, savings, CD, IRA, 401k, etc.)
- Current statement from landlord/mortgage company/utility company showing the amount owed including a breakdown of the amount
- Completed Vendor Registration form and W9 from landlord/mortgage company
- Copy of all household members birth certificates and copy of driver license/photo ID for all household members 18 years of age and over
- Copy of lease if requesting rental assistance
- Fee Simple Deed in applicant's name for homeowners
- Copy of monthly mortgage payment for homeowners
- Vendor registration form completed by payee (landlord/mortgage company/ utility company) along with a copy of their W9

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I receive assistance for rent/mortgage and utility assistance?

A: Yes. If eligible, you can receive assistance for rent/mortgage and utilities.

Q: Are the funds given directly to the applicant?

A: No. The funds are paid directly to the landlord/mortgage/utility company.

Q: Can I apply in person, email or fax?

A: No. Applications will be accepted via mail only.

Q: How long does it take to get approved?

A: Application approval time will depend on how timely all required documentation is received.

Q: What happens if I do not include all the required documents when I submit my application?

A: Only submit your application when you can provide all the required documents. Applications will only be considered when all applicable required documentation is received.