

RENTAL/MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)



Do you need rental or mortgage assistance because you have been impacted by COVID-19?

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is a federally funded program that may be able to help you with rent/mortgage, utilities, medication, transportation, work supplies and educational assistance. Administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), CSBG allocates funding directly to a network of community action agencies that can assist you with various services to help provide you with economic security and stability during these uncertain times.

Who qualifies for CSBG?

Florida residents who have a minimum gross income that is at or below the federal poverty level of 200% are eligible.

As shown in the chart, household size and maximum monthly or annual income used to determine eligibility.

** Assistance is based on the availability of funds.*

Household Size	Maximum Monthly Income	Maximum Annual Income
Family of 1	\$2,127	\$25,520
Family of 2	\$2,873	\$34,480
Family of 3	\$3,620	\$43,440
Family of 4	\$4,367	\$52,400
Family of 5	\$5,113	\$61,360
Family of 6	\$5,860	\$70,320
Family of 7	\$6,607	\$79,280
Family of 8	\$7,353	\$88,240
For each additional person in the household with more than 8 people, add:		\$ 8,960

What if I already receive CSBG assistance?

You may apply because you may need more assistance due to COVID-19.

Do I have to be a U.S. citizen to apply for CSBG?

No, you do not have to provide proof of U.S. citizenship or immigration status.

How do I apply?

Due to COVID-19 precautions, many local agencies are closed to the public at this time; however, applications can be completed and submitted either online or over the phone. For more information and to learn how you can apply for assistance through CSBG, please visit www.FloridaJobs.org/CSBG.

Required Documentation

- Proof of income (paycheck stubs, award letters from TANF, SNAP, SSI or SSD);
- Photo identification of the applicant and other household members or any document that establishes identity will be accepted;
- Social security cards of all household members; and
- Rental/Mortgage agreement if requesting rent/mortgage assistance.

Application Checklist

Delays in processing time are most often related to incomplete applications. Use the checklist below to ensure you submit all necessary information and paperwork!

- I have answered all questions in each section of the application.
- I have enclosed a readable copy of my valid photo identification.
- I have included Social Security numbers and birth dates for all members of my household in the application.
- I have attached proof of all monthly household income (pay stubs, award letters, etc.) with the application.
- I have signed my application.

Applications are reviewed to determine eligibility within 15 days of receipt. The local community action agency will contact you regarding your application after the initial review.

County	Community Action Agency	Phone
Desoto	Step Up Suncoast	941-827-0188
Glades	Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc. (A	239-357-5191
Hardee	Step Up Suncoast	941-827-0188
Hendry	Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc. (A	863-983-2774
Highlands	Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc. (A	844-356-8138
Okeechobee	St. Lucie County	863-357-2240