

LeeCARES for individuals, families, and small businesses

Program Overview

Lee County Government is investing \$57.5 million in Human & Business Services to provide immediate assistance for individuals, families and businesses. Funds are available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act federal stimulus package.

Lee County has identified \$3 million in emergency support that is available to qualified businesses through the **Lee CARES PPE for Small Businesses Program**, which is intended to help companies directly affected by Governor DeSantis' Safer at Home Act **re-open as safely as possible and follow CDC guidelines**

The **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Small Businesses program supports companies** in Lee County that employ one to 25 employees in specific industry segments that are heavily involved with public interaction. **Only** the following business segments are eligible to receive PPE supplies:

- Medical and dental practices with less than 25 employees
- Childcare services and youth camps
- Museums and historical sites
- Amusement and recreation centers
- Independent restaurants with fewer than 25 employees
- Barber shops, beauty salons, nail salons and personal care services

The **Individual Assistance Program** will provide rent, mortgage and utilities assistance for up to \$2000 for qualifying households.

- Payments will be made directly to landlord, mortgage company and/or utility company.
- Household income must be less than \$55,000/year at time of application.
- Applicant must have had a loss of employment or reduced work hours due to COVID-19.

The **Small Business Relaunch Program** will provide \$5000 to businesses affected by the Safer at home order.

- Intended to help offset the unintended costs of reopening or relaunching a small business as a result of being directly affected by Governor DeSantis' Safer at Home Act.
- Funds can only be used to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures that are not covered by insurance or another federal program.
- Business must have 25 or fewer employees, and the business owner must be a Lee County resident.

The **Childcare Assistance Program** will provide funding for United Way childcare scholarships, and PPE supply for partnering childcare providers

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- Applicant must have had a loss of employment or reduced work hours due to COVID-19.

More details:

Follow the link below for more information and frequently asked questions regarding the LeeCares Program.

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