

COVID-19 FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

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PURPOSE

The Family Investment Program administered by the Hillsborough County Social Services Department will assist individuals and families affected financially by the COVID-19 pandemic due to loss or reduction of employment by providing payment assistance for basic needs such as rent, mortgage, and utilities.



PROPOSAL

Hillsborough County's Social Services Departments will work to mitigate financial hardships brought on by COVID-19. The Family Investment Program will expand eligibility requirements and serve households up to 80% AMI. The application process will be managed by Social Services call center staff and case managers.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Services

- Assistance for past due housing payments (rent or mortgage) and utility payment assistance including fees for up to 1 month.

*Rent cannot exceed Fair Market Rate applicable for Tampa/St. Petersburg/Clearwater MSA

Eligibility

- Resident of Hillsborough County, Tampa, Temple Terrace, and Plant City
- Past Due Housing and/or utility payment(s)
- Household income up to 80% AMI



PROGRAM BUDGET

AHillsborough County Social Services, has identified disaster -related funds in the amount of \$15 million dollars to support this program. This will cover direct client services for 8 months .

The Family Investment Program is designed to assist up to 2,000 households, with the average amount of assistance being \$2,250 per household.

