



# PUTNAM COUNTY

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## MEDIA RELEASE

**For Immediate Release:**

### IMPORTANT UPDATES TO PUTNAM COUNTY CARES ACT GRANTS

**Palatka, Florida September 30, 2020** – In an effort to provide additional funding to small businesses and nonprofits, as well as opening a new funding stream for individuals, at the direction of the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), CARES Act Funding has been enhanced as follows:

- **Nonprofit Grant Program:**

The application window for the Putnam County CARES Nonprofit Grant Program has been extended until Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., or until funds have expired. This is a first come, first serve opportunity. The amount has been increased from \$4,000 to up to a maximum of \$10,000. This is a first come, first serve opportunity.

Newly added to this program is the option nonprofits have to qualify for funding in excess of \$10,000 in grant funding. Nonprofits do not need to be physically in Putnam County; rather show that they serve Putnam County residents. The Nonprofit must present a spending plan to Putnam County Staff Member Leigh Doran that clearly outlines:

- Past and/or future need (March 1 to Dec. 30).
- How need was created by COVID-19 pandemic?
- How funds would be spent?
- Timeline for implementation or expenditures.

Applicants cannot use the on-line applications and must submit a paper application with all supporting documentation to Mrs. Doran at 2509 Crill Avenue, Suite #200, Palatka, Florida 32177. After being reviewed by County staff and our consultant, the plan must be approved by the BOCC before funding will be provided. The deadline for this effort is Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. This is a first come, first serve opportunity.

- **Small Business Grant Program:**

This has been updated from \$5,000 to up to a maximum of \$10,000 for any qualified and eligible businesses. The application deadline for the Small Business Grant has been extended until Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., or until funds have expired. This is a first come, first serve opportunity.

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- **Individual Assistance Grant Program: (NEW)**

Provides up to a maximum of \$2,000 in assistance to households impacted by COVID-19. Utilizing funding Putnam County received through CARES Act, this program provides financial assistance in the form of mortgage, rental, and utility assistance to individuals and families financially impacted by COVID-19. This is a grant program, so no repayment is required. This grant has a deadline of Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., or until funds have expired. This is a first come, first serve opportunity.

Eligible Uses:

- Rent or mortgage payments for your primary residence.
- Utility payments associated with your primary residence.

Ineligible Uses:

- Fund utilization for any expenses other than household rental payments, household mortgage payments, or utility payments associated with your primary residence is prohibited.
- Payment of expenses prior to March 1, 2020.
- Payment of expenses after December 30, 2020.
- Expenses prohibited by the CARES Act.

The Individual Assistance Grant Program is still being developed and as soon as it is ready for use, we will make an announcement.

There are two methods to complete an application for small businesses, nonprofits (not grant award in excess of \$10,000) and individual assistance. The first and preferred is to follow this link <https://putnamcares.force.com/SmallBusinessGrant/s/> and choose an applicable application available in both in English or Spanish versions. The application will be completed and submitted on-line. The second option is to download an application in either English or Spanish, complete it and deliver both the application and required documents to 2509 Crill Avenue, Suite #200, Palatka, Florida 32177.

For additional information on any of these grants, please call (386) 329-0403, or 329-0376.

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