



# PUTNAM COUNTY

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## MEDIA RELEASE

**For Immediate Release:**

### **INDIVIDUAL/HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE**

**Palatka, Florida October 22, 2020** –The Putnam County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has opened today the Individual/Household Assistance Grant program funded by CARES Act. United Way of St. Johns County has been designated to process the applications that are submitted.

#### **Individual Assistance Grant Program:**

Provides up to a maximum of \$2,500 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 expire. 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, and after December 30, 2020.
- Expenses prohibited by the CARES Act.

#### **Applicant Eligibility:**

- Individuals, up to one per household, who can demonstrate financial hardship directly as a result of COVID-19 are eligible to receive a one-time grant up to a maximum amount of \$2,500, to assist with qualified expenses. Applicants must demonstrate financial hardship, provide documentation of the expenses they are requesting assistance with and be residents of Putnam County.

There are two methods to complete an application. The first and preferred is to follow this link: [bit.ly/putnamcares](https://bit.ly/putnamcares) and choose an applicable application available in both in English or Spanish. The application will be completed and submitted on-line. The second option is to contact United Way of St. Johns County at (904) 829-9721 and ask for assistance.

For additional information on this grant, please call United Way at the number listed above.

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