



# CARES for Seniors and the Disabled Assistance Program



## What is Polk CARES?

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the CARES Act) is a law meant to address the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. The Polk County CARES Program was created to assist households that have experienced a verifiable loss of income or increased expenses due to the impacts of COVID-19.



## Do I Qualify?

You must be a resident of Polk County, at least 70 years old or be 18 years old if you are disabled and receiving Social Security benefits. You will qualify if your household has not received any other polk CARES financial assistance and your total household income is less than \$35,000.

## About Our Program

The Board of County Commissioners has allocated \$10 million for health and human service needs to residents who were not eligible for previous CARES funding. Qualifying households will receive \$2,000 to help with additional expenses incurred as a result of COVID-19.



### Proof of Residency

Provide a copy of a valid Florida driver license, state-issued ID or passport.



### Documentation

Must attach documentation if you are claiming SSDI or Veteran Tax Abatement.



### Household Income

Attest that your household income was less than \$35,000 in 2019.



### Applications

While online applications are preferred, paper applications will be accepted.

Program Opens Tuesday, September 15, 2020



Online applications at:  
[polk-county.net](http://polk-county.net)



For more information, Call  
**(863) 298-7500**