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Pasco Offers More Rental Assistance Through H.E.A.R.T. 2.0

~~Partnership with local non-profit agencies to help pay bills for renters~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The <u>Pasco Board of County Commissioners</u> is pleased to announce additional opportunities to apply for financial assistance through the <u>Pasco Helping with Emergency Assistance Relief for Tenants (H.E.A.R.T.) 2.0 program. <u>Pasco Community Development</u> is partnering with local non-profits to help pay your bills directly if you rent in Pasco County and meet the program guidelines.</u>

An <u>online portal</u> will be available during ten-day windows, beginning the second Monday each month in 2022:

WHAT: Pasco H.E.A.R.T. 2.0 Assistance

WHEN: Second Monday Each Month / Beginning February 14, 2022

Available for 10 days each month

HOW: Apply online: bit.ly/PascoHEART

The Pasco H.E.A.R.T. 2.0 program can pay up to 18 months of bills for qualifying renters. Bills eligible for payment include:

- ✓ Rent
- ✓ **Utilities** (water & electric)

To qualify, your household must be at or below 80 percent of the <u>Area Median Income</u>; you must have a past due rent/utility bill; and you must prove Pasco residency and have experienced a COVID-19 economic impact.

Pasco County received funding for this program through the U.S. Department of Treasury's <u>Emergency Rental Assistance Program</u>. For more information or <u>questions</u> about this program or the application process, please call Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411.