

Fort Myers, FL, Feb 27, 2015 - The Lee County Department of Human Services has funding to assist low-income households with past-due rent, past-due mortgage and utility bills through the Homeless Prevention Program.

To qualify for assistance, residents must meet income guidelines and other requirements.

- Must be a Lee County resident for at least 12 weeks and have at least one minor child in the household.
- Total household gross income must be at, or below, 200 percent of the poverty level. For example, the maximum monthly income for household of two is \$2,622; for three is \$3,298; and for four is \$3,975.
- Must have experienced an unforeseen or unexpected financial crisis through no fault of their own.
- Must demonstrate they can meet future expenses without assistance.
- Must agree to a self-sufficiency case plan and monthly contacts for 12 months.

The program does not assist with move-in costs or deposits.

Call Human Services' intake line at 239-533-7996 and leave a message for a telephone screening to help determine eligibility. Staff will return calls within 24 hours.