

## Lee County Assistance Programs

### **Lee County Florida rent help.**

Learn how to get rental assistance in Lee County Florida. A number of non-profit agencies, churches, and government programs can help Fort Myers and Cape Coral families pay their rent, security deposits, and help individuals access low income housing. Below are some of the programs that specialize in coordinating rent assistance to the needy and low income across the county.

While most of the organizations can offer direct cash assistance, others will provide just referrals. For example, they may be able to help people find low income housing or apply for government programs like Section 8 housing. While funding is limited, and the demand for rent assistance is very high in Fort Myers and Cape Coral Florida, every year thousands of people receive help. Many of the services are targeted at people faced with imminent eviction, or that need help paying for first months rent or security deposit on a new home or apartment.

**Catholic Hispanic Social Services** - Programs assist Hispanic persons in Lee County. Receive information on housing, food vouchers, diapers, and more. 4235 Michigan Avenue, Fort Myers, call 239-337-4193

### **Lee County Department of Children & Families**

4150 Ford Street Extension  
Fort Myers Florida  
Telephone: 1-866-762-2237

### **Housing Services / Lee County Department of Human Services**

2440 Thompson Street  
Fort Myers, Florida 33901  
Dial (239) 533-7900 for information

Runs the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program. This may have funds to prevent evictions and pay back rent or housing expenses.

**Lee County Human Services** - There are additional housing and homeless prevention programs. The low income and elderly can receive emergency rental assistance.

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Fort Myers, Florida  
Call 239-533-7900

**Lee Cares** - Get referrals. This program provides information about Lee County Florida government and public services. Tenants may get information on grants or even loans to help with rent, legal aid, and more. Call 239-332-2737

**Florida Rural Legal Services** - Free or low cost legal services provided to low income individuals. Lawyers can also assist in landlord/tenant disputes. Learn about your rights when it comes to evictions or unsafe housing, among other legal matters. Dial 239-334-4554

### **Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee County**

17592 Rockefeller Circle  
Estero, Florida 33967  
Phone number - (239) 267-3510

Provides emergency assistance with paying rent, mortgage, or security deposits as part of homeless prevention and rehousing.

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### **Bonita Springs Assistance Office**

25300 Bernwood Dr, Unit 6  
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135  
Telephone: (239) 992-3034

Low income families may be able to receive financial assistance for rent, utilities, housing expenses, and more, such as prescription medications.

**Cafe of Life** - Funds may be available for rent. Must be low income or homeless. Bonita Springs, FL, 34136, main number (239) 495-9325

### **Family Self-sufficiency Program / Lee County Department Human Services**

Address - 2440 Thompson Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
(239) 533-7900

A focus is on preventing long term homelessness, refer people to short term rental and housing assistance, and offering case management and stability.

### **Love in the Name of Christ - LOVE of Lee County**

Address is 9148 Bonita Beach Rd SE  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

The charity only serves Bonita Springs, San Carlos Park, Estero, and North Naples. They operate a Clearinghouse - referral service only. They may have referrals to rent help, provide free furniture or household goods, legal support, financial aid, short term housing and more. Phone number for referrals is (239) 405-8595.

**Lehigh Acres United Way House Financial Assistance** - Emergency assistance for paying rent, and some funds may be offered for utilities. Lehigh Acres, FL - 33936, phone (239) 369-5818

**Emergency Solutions Grant** - This Lee County programs used federal government funds to help prevent evictions and rehouse the homeless. Funds or grants may be issued to pay rent, moving expenses, or a security deposit on low income apartments. This can also pay for some mortgage or homeowner costs or even lot rent. Call (239) 533-7900.

### **Pine Island United Way House**

Address is 5465 NW Pine Island Road  
Pine Island, Florida 33922  
Phone - (239) 283-5123

Emergency cash assistance or loans for paying rent and housing costs.

**HUD Homeless Prevention** - The federal government and non-profits in Lee County provide cash grants for rent, security, or utility deposits. All of the money is used to either stop evictions or help resettle a formerly homeless resident. Find support for legal needs, rental costs and more from regional homeless prevention services in Lee County.