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## CAUSES

**Wine, Women and Shoes:** This online event benefits Episcopal Children's Services. Online bidding began May 3; live broadcast begins 7 p.m. May 13. Registration and information at <https://www.winewomenandshoes.com/event/jax/>

**Show to benefit Boys & Girls Club of Marion County:** Ocala Car Audio and Pals Auto Repair are hosting a car, truck and bike show from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 16 at War Horse Harley-Davidson, 5331 N. U.S. 441, Ocala.

"Each year the Boys & Girls Club of Marion County hosts a youth summer camp. The cost for this event is \$50,000. With Covid and lack of events last year, they are in real need of some help to ensure our kids here in Marion County have a fun, safe and nurturing environment this summer," organizers wrote.

More details at <https://tinyurl.com/cvh7ysnx>

**Helping Hands Foundation:** The foundation will hold a benefit golf tournament at 8 a.m. June 5 at Ocala Golf Club. Details at <https://www.helpinghandssocala.org/golf-event-forms/>

**Marion County Search and Rescue:** A benefit bowling tournament to support this group will be held 1-5 p.m. June 26 at AMF Galaxy East Bowling Alley, 3225 SE Maricamp Road, Ocala. Open to all; no scratch game (no handicap). Entry fee is \$30. Details on Facebook.

**Tiara Ball:** This annual event, organized by the Ocala Royal Dames for Cancer Research, will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 13 at Circle Square Cultural Center, 8395 SW 80th St., Ocala. "Fire and Ice" is the theme. For details, call 895-7759 or 817-0099.

To have an item included in this list of upcoming fundraisers, send an email to [calendar@starbanner.com](mailto:calendar@starbanner.com) and write "causes" in the message line.



## Availability of Marion County Community Services Emergency Funding Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

### Short Title:

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development CARES Act Fund

### Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Information

### Application Due Date:

Open until funds are expended or expire September 30, 2022.

### Description

On March 29, 2020, the United States Congress passed HR 78, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, (CARES Act). As a result of the CARES Act, Marion County Community Services was awarded \$2,575,970 in Coronavirus Relief Funds through Emergency Solutions Grant funds (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) for emergency assistance to individuals and families directly impacted by COVID-19.

Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) funding is available for the following:

1. Homeless shelter improvements;
2. Homeless agency outreach equipment, medical care case management and transportation;
3. Homeless agency hotel/motel reimbursement with new clients that are turned away from a shelter due to overcrowding or closure, or while awaiting diversion or a rental unit availability;
4. Agency referral of individuals/families in need of rent assistance.

Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funding is available for the following:

1. Up to three months of rent/mortgage payments to individuals or families due to the loss or decrease in income;
2. Loan to a microenterprise (5 or fewer employees including the homeowner(s));
3. Public service grants for new or increased service programs
4. Job (re)training to retain employees
5. Non-profit facility rehabilitation and/or expansion
6. Housing rehabilitation to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunity expansion

### Eligibility

Eligible applicants are:

1. 501(c)(3) non-profits in good standing in Marion County, FL
2. Microenterprises licensed to do business in Marion County, FL
3. Homeless individuals or families referred through a 501(c)(3) non-profits located in Marion County, FL
4. Individuals or families that can demonstrate a loss of or decrease in income directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic
5. For-profit businesses located in Marion County, FL with a need to (re) train current employees to avoid lay-offs or job losses.

All applicants are required to report any CARES Act funding received or applied for so as to prevent duplication of aid.

### Award Information

#### Funding Mechanism:

Loan/Grant

### Anticipated Total Available Funding:

ESG-CV: \$1,550,489; CDBG-CV: \$1,025,481

### Project Length:

Until funds are expended or expire September 30, 2022.

Applicants should be aware that funding amounts are subject to the availability of funds. First Qualified, First Served.

### Application Information:

<https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/marioncountycommunitydevelopment>

### Contact Information

352-671-8770 or [CommunityServices@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:CommunityServices@marioncountyfl.org)

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