

Rental Payment Project

Gulfcoast Legal Services (GLS) has access to a special allotment of CARES Act funds to pay rent that tenants owe due to the pandemic (March through December 2020).

Our objective is to <u>prevent</u> eviction lawsuits from being filed for nonpayment of rent. If the tenant qualifies, GLS can facilitate payment of rent and fees owed to the landlord within three (3) business days. No strings attached.



This is not a legal settlement process **if no eviction lawsuit has been filed**. Through this project, the landlord is paid in full, and the landlord/tenant relationship continues pursuant to the lease or rental agreement. (A flowchart of the project is attached.)

If an eviction lawsuit has already been filed, the payment of rent and fees may still be made, which would cure the past amount due. Landlords are encouraged to consider mediation through Pinellas Eviction Diversion Program of which GLS is a partner as well. Mediation is valuable if the landlord is willing to work out an agreement with the tenant going forward. Landlords continue with all rights and remedies afforded under Florida law.

Please encourage your tenants to apply for these funds.

Landlords – for more information, please contact GLS at 727-821-0726, ext. 245.

Tenants may apply online at www.gulfcoastlegal.org or by calling 727-821-0726, ext. 273



Rental Payment Project Flowchart

Landlord directs tenant to apply for assistance through GLS

Tenant submits eligibility documentation to GLS

GLS requests rental payment ledger showing total amount due through "X" date from landlord

Check is issued, payable to landlord, within three (3) business days

> At time of payment, landlord submits rental payment ledger to GLS showing zero balance due through "X" date