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CARES Relief Funds Available to Residents in Woodbine & Kingsland

Through the allocation of federal CARES Act funds by the City of Kingsland and the City of Woodbine, Camden Connection introduces a financial assistance program to alleviate COVID-19 related financial hardship for those households impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Due to federal restrictions and which local government allocated funds, assistance through this program can only be administered to households within the Cities of Woodbine and Kingsland, Georgia. Assistance is available for mortgage payments, rental bills and/or utility expenses from March 2020 to current.

“The organization is excited to be able to provide a structure that allows the City of Kingsland and Woodbine to utilize a portion of their federal CARES Act funds directly on hardships faced by their citizens and businesses,” says Dr. Pennie Davis, Camden Connection Board President. This is possible through the population-based allocation of CARES Act fund each Georgia local government received, with a requirement to use funds on needs created by COVID-19. Steven Sainz, Camden Connection’s Chief Executive Officer notes, “With an organizational history of successfully navigating complex federal funding requirements, we will work with our network of community partners and specialized advisors to ensure compliance to US Treasury based guidelines on utilizing the funds in such a direct way.”

To apply for the Kingsland and Woodbine COVID-19 CARES Relief Funding, citizens should visit Camden Connection’s website at www.camdenconnection.org to complete an intake survey. If an applicant is unable to connect online, please call (912) 882-7279. Following application submissions, Camden Connection’s COVID-19 Case Manager will contact individuals directly with information regarding next steps. There are no household income limits, but individuals must meet the following criteria to qualify:

- Must have a documented financial hardship attributed to COVID-19.
- Must have the ability to show that a one-time financial support from the relief fund will stabilize the applicant’s household. (Each household will be limited to a maximum assistance of \$1,000 for the first phase of aid review.)
- Must have a verified address in the City of Kingsland or Woodbine, Georgia.

Mr. Sainz shares, “The priority of the case management process we are putting in place will be to allocate to grant recipients that have shown a clear and destabilizing impact because of COVID-19 related hardships.” The nature of this aid model underlines a need of applicants based on external hardship, for cases that require more holistic assistance, referrals can be made to partner agencies like the Pathways of Hope Program operated by St. Marys Salvation Army.

Camden Connection seeks to help Camden families lead healthy, productive lives that are fortified by community engagement and local resources. For more information about the organization, including our comprehensive resource portal with over 50 linked partner organizations, visit us at camdenconnection.org.

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