Housing Tips – Emergency Assistance

Emergency assistance programs are short-term (usually a one-time payment) for people experiencing a financial hardship like an eviction or utility shut-off. If you are in this situation you should contact the county where you live to find out how to get the assistance. NOTE: you will likely need to provide the eviction notice, copy of utility bills and/or the disconnection notice, I.D., proof of your current address, and more to receive the assistance. Be prepared before you call or make a trip to a county emergency assistance office! Click on the county where you live for more information.

Anoka County  Carver County  Dakota County
Hennepin County  Ramsey County  Scott County
Washington County
**Anoka County**

Families with children under the age of 18, or children that are 18 and full-time high school students, should contact the Anoka County Human Service Center in Blaine at 763-717-7730.

Adults with no children under the age of 18, or children that are 18 and full-time high school students, contact Anoka County Adult Intake, Anoka County Government Center in Anoka at 763-422-7246.

**Carver County**

Emergency assistance is usually provided in the form of specific payments for shelter or other emergency expenses, which cause a threat to the health or safety of the individual or family. People currently active on a program with Financial Assistance should call their caseworker to apply for emergency assistance. People not currently active in a program with Carver County can call (952) 361-1600 and ask for Financial Assistance Intake to get information on how to apply for emergency assistance.

**Dakota County**

651-554-5611 (employment and economic assistance)
651-437-3191 (Main Line)

Emergency assistance programs are short-term assistance (usually a one-time payment) for people experiencing a financial hardship such as an eviction or utility shutoff. Any income not needed for basic needs will be considered available to meet the emergency as well as any cash or other assets you might have.
**Hennepin County**

Hennepin County Emergency Assistance Program (HCEAP) provides assistance for families with minor children in financial crisis that poses a direct threat to the physical health or safety of a child. HCEAP provides short-term assistance.

**Examples of covered services**

- Foreclosure prevention, rent, damage deposit, emergency shelter, home repairs, moving expenses, utility bills.
- Transportation for homeless families
- Special diets

**How to Apply** - attend an overview session, complete an application and interview

- Overview sessions are held at Century Plaza, **330 South 12th Street, Minneapolis MN 55404.**
- Sessions are scheduled:
  - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday throughout the day at 8:30 AM, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 1:00 PM, 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00.
  - Wednesday at 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM.
- If you are unable to come one of these times, call the Emergency Assistance Team, at 612-596-1900.

**Contact Phone** - 612-596-1900

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**Ramsey County**

Emergency General Assistance (EGA) - This program primarily helps low-income individuals experiencing a financial crisis.

If you wish to apply for cash or food programs, please come to our offices at 160 East Kellogg Blvd., Government Center East, St. Paul, MN 55101

To have Ramsey County mail you an application, or for further information about applying for services or our programs, call 651-266-4444.
**Scott County**

Emergency General Assistance (EGA) meets the emergency needs of eligible adults or families who are in an emergency and who are residents of the state. Call financial assistance at (952) 445-7751 for more information.

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**Washington County**

**Emergency Assistance (EA)** – This program primarily helps low income individuals experiencing a housing or utility crisis.

**HOW TO APPLY:**
To obtain information about our financial assistance programs, apply or obtain an application by contacting the Financial Intake line at 651-430-6459. Applications are available in any of our four offices during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**OFFICE LOCATIONS:**
**Washington County Government Center**
14949 62nd Street North
P.O. Box 30
Stillwater, MN 55082

**Woodbury Service Center**
2150 Radio Drive
Woodbury, MN 55125

**Forest Lake Service Center**
19955 Forest Road N
Forest Lake, MN 55025

**Cottage Grove Service Center**
13000 Ravine Parkway
Cottage Grove, MN 55016