

OSWEGO TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In accordance with Section 6-10 of Article Vi (General Assistance) of the Illinois Public Aid Code, 305 ILCS 5/6-10 et seq., Oswego Township hereby establishes an Emergency Assistance Program for persons and or families who qualify according to written standards as adopted by Oswego Township. Section 6-10 provides that Emergency Assistance may be provided by a township; however, it is not mandatory. Emergency Assistance is authorized by said statute for purposes of alleviating life-threatening circumstances or assistance in obtaining self-sufficiency. Emergency Assistance will only be provided once to any applicant in any 18-month consecutive period. Oswego Township has adopted the Township Supervisors of Illinois General Assistance Manual and the Emergency Assistance Manual and the Rules and Regulations contained therein. The following guidelines and eligibility criteria are hereby adopted and incorporated as an Addendum to both the General Assistance and the Emergency Assistance Manual.

1. To be eligible for Emergency Assistance Benefits the person or family applying must:
 - a) Be a resident of the township, and must be a U.S. citizen or legally admitted alien;
 - b) Make written application to the township
 - c) Must not qualify for General Assistance
2. Emergency Assistance may be provided to qualifying residents for rental arrearages or any hardship including utilities. For utility arrearages, applicants must have received a noticed of disconnection of service to be eligible.
3. The applicant may not be eligible for or be receiving General Assistance or financial assistance from the Illinois Department of Public Aid (IDPA). The applicant may however be receiving medical from IDPA and be eligible for Emergency Assistance. The applicant may not receive Emergency Assistance if currently receiving other Categorical Assistance (AABD, TANF, MANG,SSI, Medicaid, and Refugee and Repatriation Assistance) or if currently receiving Section 8 Subsidized rent.
4. For purposes of Emergency Assistance only, a Family Assistance Unit shall be defined as two (2) or more persons residing in the same household and composed of either: (a) husband and wife; or (b) two or more adults regardless of whether they are married or related; or (c) one (1) or more children with one (1) or more specified adult relative(s). This definition shall control and supersede any conflict provision in the Emergency Assistance Manual.
5. All Emergency Assistance payments, if approved, shall be made directly to the vendor/landlord. Oswego Township does not pay general assistance or emergency assistance payments to vendors who are related to the applicant(s).

6. Financial and non-financial eligibility requirements as set forth in the Township Supervisors of Illinois General Assistance and Emergency Assistance Manuals will be applied in determining eligibility for Emergency Assistance. If there is any variance between the Manuals and this Addendum, this Addendum shall control.
7. The Emergency Assistance Grant shall be no more than the maximum reward payment set forth by the Township Supervisor. The grant may be less than the maximum, depending on the documentation of need and emergency presented by applicant.
8. Life-threatening circumstances and situations affecting an applicant's ability to obtain or retain gainful employment and thus affecting the applicant's self-sufficiency are defined for eligibility determination purposes as follows:
 - a. The family or individual must have received within the last 30 days a summons of forcible entry and detainer (eviction) or a landlord's termination of tenancy such as "5 Day Notice" at the time of application for General Assistance or Emergency Assistance, thus threatening homelessness, or the family or individual is actually homeless; or
 - b. The individual or family assistance unit must be more than 30 days in arrears on the rent and the landlord shall so certify in writing.
9. For rental assistance, the applicant(s) must cure the remaining balance prior to or at the same time as the payment of rental assistance; or the applicant(s) must provide satisfactory proof that the Landlord has agreed to a payment schedule or workout agreement, or that the landlord has agreed to forego the balance of rent in arrears.
10. Applicant shall cooperate in applying for and obtaining any other benefits for which applicant is deemed eligible.
11. Applicant shall apply for and cooperate with any special services deemed by the general assistance office to be appropriate.
12. This Emergency Assistance program may be terminated at any time by written action of the Supervisor of General Assistance.
13. For the purpose of Emergency Assistance, under section 2 of these guidelines a utility is defined as electric, fuel for heating home, water, sewer, waste disposal, telephone and internet.

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