

## **General Assistance**

### Rental Assistance:

Rent payment is made to the property owner or their designee.

Rent payments shall not exceed:

\$400 - 1 person household

\$450 - 2 person household

\$475 - 3 person household

\$500 - 4 or more person household

### Utility Assistance:

Utility payments may include fuel for purpose of heating and cooking; electricity for heating, cooking and lights; and water. Maximum utility assistance benefit shall not exceed \$150.

Applicants must be able to show they have made payments on their bill.

Applicants must also apply for energy assistance from HACAP during the months of November-April.

### Provisions:

Emergency non-food grocery vouchers cover soaps, paper products, household cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items. Maximum benefits shall not exceed \$35 per month.

### Monthly Benefits:

Total monthly benefits for any one month period will not exceed:

\$500 - 1 person household

\$550 - 2 person household

\$575 - 3 person household

\$600 - 4 or more person household

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## **Interim Assistance Reimbursement Program**



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## What is the Interim Assistance Reimbursement Program?

The Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR) Program provides on-going financial assistance for those applying for disability benefits through Supplemental Security Income (SSI) of the Social Security Administration. An eligible applicant may receive monthly assistance not to exceed the current General Assistance benefit per month for the duration of eligibility. Upon approval of SSI benefits, Social Security will reimburse Johnson County the total amount that the client received in benefits from the IAR program. The remainder of the SSI back pay will be paid directly to the client.

## What Help is Available?

Financial assistance is available to address the following needs: rent, utilities, and provisions.

## Application Process

### Applicants must:

1. Apply for the General Assistance IAR Program
2. Apply for SSI and provide verification of the status of this application
3. Provide a completed Medical Verification Form
4. Provide verification of application for and follow through with all other appropriate programs as determined by the General Assistance worker
5. Sign an initial IAR form, 470-1950
6. Applicants choosing to work while pursuing SSI will not be eligible for IAR

### General Assistance will:

1. Send the initial IAR form 470-1950 to Social Security
2. Maintain complete records of assistance which will be provided to Social Security upon approval for SS

**\*\*Applicants are required to pursue the application with due diligence.\*\***

This includes keeping scheduled appointments for state/federal programs and returning requested information in a timely manner.

## How to Apply

If you are in need of financial assistance, please call **356-6090** and ask to speak to a General Assistance Assistant.

An initial assessment will be done over the phone and an in-person office visit will be scheduled as eligibility is indicated.

**Office Hours:** 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday

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