

Financial Aid in Disasters for People Living in Washington



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DSHS to Provide Financial Disaster Aid to People Living in Washington

Starting Friday, April 17, some Washington residents can apply for disaster financial aid to help meet their immediate needs through the Department of Health and Social Services (DSHS). This is a result of Governor Inslee's emergency declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the emergency declaration, the federal government has approved the implementation of the Disaster Financial Aid program, known as DCAP, in Washington state.



The Governor's declaration of a state emergency and his next proclamation on March 18 allows DSHS to offer DCAP benefits to people who are not eligible for other cash assistance programs. Assistance is available to all Washington families and childless individuals who meet

the DCAP income and resource limits. DSHS proposes that more than 175,000 households may be eligible for this assistance.

“Having access to this emergency aid is vitally important to helping people meet their immediate and basic needs, such as the costs of housing, utilities, clothing, minor health care, household supplies, and transportation costs for the work,” explained Babs Roberts, director of the DSHS Division of Community Services. “We are pleased that Governor Inslee has made these funds available so that we can extend the benefits to the people of Washington who need it most during this unprecedented time.”

This financial aid is available to Washington residents regardless of citizenship status, and does not require applicants to provide a Social Security number. Eligible households will receive their DCAP benefits for one month in a 12-month period during an emergency. The amount of the benefit depends on the size of your home, your income and level of need, ranging from a minimum of \$ 363 for a single person to a maximum of \$ 1,121 for a household of eight or more people. Once approved, individuals will receive their DCAP benefits on an existing Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card or through a new EBT card that will be mailed to them through the United States Postal Service.

Individuals can apply for DCAP online at WashingtonConnection.org or by calling the DSHS Customer Service Contact Center at 877-501-2233. Due to the high volume of calls, callers are asked to call before 11 am and note that the busiest call times are from 11 am to 2 pm

For the latest information regarding COVID-19 benefits, please refer to the DSHS website, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

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