



How to Apply

General Assistance is the funder of last resort and applicants must apply to other public/private agencies first and provide proof of assistance and/or denial of assistance.

Applicants will be required to submit an application for General Assistance, proof of all income for the past 30 days for all adults residing in the household, proof of identification including social security cards for all members of the household, and any other forms requested.

For an application or questions and further information, please call 641.623.0044.

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General Assistance is a County funded program available to assist people with emergency financial needs.

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Burial Assistance:

A family/individual requesting assistance with burial/cremation services **MUST** meet with the General Assistance Director **PRIOR** to any arrangements and complete the necessary paperwork.

Medical Assistance:

Assistance may be given for prescription (non-psych) medications and for some medical needs that require no prescription. Dental assistance for immediate need to relieve severe pain may be available.

Emergency Food Assistance is available throughout Poweshiek County. Referrals can be made to local food pantries and other local organizations. Applications are available for SNAP, health coverage and childcare assistance to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Human Services.

Rental Assistance:

Applicants must reside in Poweshiek County and have so for at least 30 days. Rent assistance is not available for deposits, first or last month's rent. Assistance is not available to households already receiving rental assistance through subsidized housing. Those related to their landlord are ineligible for rental assistance.

No funding can be issued if there is a current eviction notice, and the landlord will not rescind.

Utility Assistance:

The applicant must provide a copy of the utility bill and the utility bill must be in the name of the applicant or another member living in the household. The utility bill must be at the address the applicant is currently residing at. Utility obligations owed at a previous address are not considered for assistance. General Assistance will not fund deposits.

During the moratorium, applicants must first apply for LIHEAP and make payments of at least 40% of the bill incurred during the moratorium. The moratorium is November – April and during this time General Assistance is not available.

Utility assistance considered are:

- Electric
- Water
- Propane/Fuels for cooking