

# IMPACTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN?

Prince George's County Department of Social Services (PGCDSS) benefits possibly available for those impacted by the Federal Government shutdown. PGCDSS is the County's primary human service provider. PGCDSS helps vulnerable Marylanders buy healthy foods, pay energy bills, obtain medical assistance, and avoid homelessness. PGCDSS also promotes stable environments for at-risk children and vulnerable adults.

## FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

The Food Supplement Program helps low income people buy the food they need for good health. The amount of food supplement you are eligible for is based upon the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Thrifty Food Plan.



Visit <https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us> to apply.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Emergency Assistance Program provides resources to citizens with dependent children who are under 21 years of age, who face an immediate crisis and need help to resolve the situation. Emergency Assistance may cover but is not limited to, eviction notices, mortgage foreclosures, gas and electric turn-off notices, and delinquent water bills.

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### EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For residents currently experiencing a food deficit, PGCDSS hosts Mission Nutrition, a community based mobile food market. A list of distribution dates and locations can be found online at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/24277/2019-Mission-Nutrition-Dates--Locations>.

The Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) also operates community marketplaces and distribution details can be found online at <https://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/community-marketplaces-2/>. Finally, the CAFB acts as a clearinghouse for the distribution of donated food in the Washington metropolitan area and more than 60 County based pantries participate in the program.

Food is provided by those pantries to eligible individuals and families free of charge and if you need assistance locating a pantry near your home, please contact 311.

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Medical Assistance Program helps individuals and families pay for medical care. Assistance can include payments for doctor's visits, exams, prescription costs, hospital bills, payment of Medicare premiums, etc.

Visit <https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us> or [www.marylandhealthconnection.gov](http://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov) to apply.



## ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Energy Assistance Program provides bill assistance to eligible households to help with the prevention of loss and the restoration of home energy service. To determine if you are eligible, go to [www.dhr.state.md.us/ohep](http://www.dhr.state.md.us/ohep). When calculating your income for the purposes of this program, please use the gross income received in your household by all members in the 30-day period immediately preceding the date of application.

## CRISIS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Crisis Assistance Program provides housing stabilization assistance to help residents avoid evictions, foreclosures and other housing related crises. To determine if you are eligible, call 211 for a telephonic screening.

## BURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The PGCDSS Burial Assistance Program helps to offset burial expenses for low-income families. Visit your local office to apply.



## TEMPORARY DISABILITY PROGRAM

The PGCDSS Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP) provides limited cash assistance to low-income disabled individuals without dependent children and who have no other resources.

Visit <https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us> to apply.

## TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The PGCDSS Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) program provides cash assistance to low income families with dependent children when available resources do not fully address the family's needs, and while preparing program participants for independence through work. Applicants must interview face-to-face and all financial and technical eligibility factors must be met prior to issuance of benefits.

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