

Financial Program Resources

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Social Security Income (SSI)

The Social Security Administration administers this program. However, it is financed from general revenues, not from Social Security contributions. Under this program, the state supplements federal funds to provide aid to qualified individuals. Specific requirements for eligibility are as follows: categorical eligibility (aged over 65, blind, or disabled); residence; citizenship or lawful alien status; limited income; and limited resources. SSI recipients also receive medical assistance through the Medicaid program and may be eligible for federal Food Stamp benefits. For information on eligibility and level of benefits, contact a local Social Security office.

www.ssa.gov/agency-info.htm

Application for Social Security Income for children with disabilities with limited financial resources

www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability/child.htm

Application for Social Security Income for adults with disabilities with limited financial resources

www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability

Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund

Financial assistance for families with children experiencing a medical condition requiring services that are not covered by a private insurer, federal or state assistance, or any other financial source.

www.mass.gov/cicrf

Mass Health Child Disability Info/ Supplement

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/masshealth/cbhi/how-to-apply-masshealth-child.pdf>

Commonwealth Care

A health insurance program for low and moderate income Massachusetts residents who don't have health insurance.

www.massresources.org/commonwealth-care.html

Mass Department of Transitional Assistance

Services include food and nutritional assistance, cash assistance, and employment supports for families/working families, children, elders, and people with disabilities.

www.mass.gov/dta

Emergency Aid to Elderly, Disabled and Children

(EAEDC) is a state-funded program providing cash assistance and medical benefits to individuals over 65 awaiting SSI, disabled individuals and the caretakers of disabled individuals, and families who are ineligible for AFDC due to specific reasons. This program, enacted 10/13/91, replaced the General Relief program. For eligibility information contact a local office of the Department of Transitional Assistance www.mass.gov/dta

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP (previously food stamps) benefits are provided by the federal government and administered by DTA. Residents of the Commonwealth who participate in SNAP are families with children, elders and disabled. Many are the working poor with limited income or those who are temporarily unemployed.

www.mass.gov/dta

Project Bread

Project Bread's toll-free FoodSource Hotline is the only comprehensive statewide information and referral service in Massachusetts for people facing hunger. The FoodSource Hotline: 1-800-645-8333.

www.projectbread.org

Food Pantries

List of food pantries and soup kitchens according to town provided by Greater Boston Food Bank

www.gbfb.org/GetHelp/agencyLocator.cfm

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

WIC is a nutrition program that provides nutrition and health education, healthy food and other services free of charge to Massachusetts's families who qualify. To apply for WIC, call 1-800-WIC-1007 or contact a WIC program in your community.

www.mass.gov/wic

Child Support

Intake Forms & Application for Full Child Support Services.

www.mass.gov/dor/cse

Adoption Subsidy Program/ Guardianship Subsidy Program

Subsidy available to children in the care and custody of Department of Children and

Families whose adoption or guardianship is sponsored by the Department of Children and Families for children.

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/family-services/adoption/subsidies.html>

Red Cross

The American Red Cross can provide two types of assistance after a disaster – hard and soft. Hard assistance provides material items and may include feeding, shelter, clean-up kits, comfort kits and financial assistance. Soft assistance minimizes immediate disaster-caused suffering through listening, guidance, advocacy, and counseling.

<http://www.redcross.org>

Utility Companies

Taunton Municipal Light Plant

Electric company servicing these local areas: Taunton, Raynham, Berkley, Dighton, Lakeville and Bridgewater

Ability to provide payment and shut off assistance for chronic or serious illness and in some instances financial hardship.

<http://www.tmlp.com>

Middleborough Gas and Electric

Electric and heating company

Ability to provide payment and shut off assistance for chronic or serious illness and in some instances financial hardship.

<http://www.mgandonline.com>

Columbia Gas of Massachusetts

Provides heat to Southeastern and Western Massachusetts.

They will provide financial assistance.

<http://www.columbiagasma.com>

National Grid

Gas and electric company provides services to Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and New York.

Provides customer support and assistance programs.

<http://www1.nationalgridus.com>

MassResources.org

Offers Eligibility Checks for these programs:

- [MassHealth](#)
- [Fuel Assistance \(LIHEAP\)](#)
- [SNAP Food Stamps](#)
- [Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children \(TAFDC\)](#)
- [Emergency Aid to Families, Disabled, and Children \(EAEDC\)](#)
- [Rental Assistance \(Section 8, public housing, subsidized housing\)](#)
- [Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\)](#)
- [Emergency Assistance](#)