

State by State Resources

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- Financial Assistance
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- Food Banks
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Financial Assistance

There's a wide variety of government programs and non-profit organizations available to help citizens pay monthly bills and care for their family during this unexpected financial crisis. While some agencies provide free grants to individuals and families for everything from utility payments to rent subsidies... there are others that cater to families looking for ways to prioritize monthly bills or "buy time", so to speak. For more information about the services provided in your state, go to Help Paying Bills.

Tennessee Financial Assistance

If your family is trying to access financial help specifically in the state of TN, go to TN Financial Assistance for an overview of the statewide programs and services, along with a county-by-county breakdown of what's available in your local community.

Community Action Agencies

Community action agencies focus on meeting basic needs including food, utilities, rent, housing, and medical care. There are no guarantees of receiving help, but an agency may still be able to assist you with a referral. For more information, including statewide links, go to Community Action Agencies.

Mortgage Assistance

Reach out to your individual mortgage company first to see some of the latest financial programs being offered. For more information on local services, click on your state below.

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KY

SC

NC

MS

GA

VA

TX

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CO

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OK

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FL

MA

OH

IN WI

IL

Note: Alabama and Hawaii still outstanding

If your family is nearing foreclosure, it's important to know your legal rights, and determine if there is any help available. For more information, go to <u>federal foreclosure</u> assistance.

Rental Assistance

The federal government offers a wide variety of housing assistance programs, including HUD approved agencies, that assist families in need. There may be money for HUD vouchers for paying rent, security deposits, moving costs and the government assistance will also help to prevent evictions.

Eviction

In the event that an eviction is imminent, learn more about your legal rights by going to Eviction Assistance.

Transitional/Short-term Housing

If you have already lost your home or apartment or received a vacation notice, you can still reach out for help locating short-term and/or transitional housing at transitional housing options.

Utility Assistance

If you need assistance paying your electric, utility, water or heating bills you will want to first reach out to your local provider. Due to this unprecedented crisis, many providers are waiving late fees and assisting customers with long-term payment options in lieu of discontinuing service. Additionally, there are several assistance programs you can apply to for emergency assistance, including a partial or full payment of your bill. For additional information go to Utility Payment Assistance. To find out more about what's available in your local area, go to the state by state search tool.

Telephone and Internet Assistance

To help ensure that some form of telephone service is both affordable and available to all Americans, especially lower income families as well senior citizens, the federal government created an assistance program that is run by individual state governments. For additional information, go to Telephone Assistance Programs

Water Assistance

While water bill assistance programs are not as common, they are available through one of the nation's largest water companies, American Water, as well as other local suppliers. Most water companies provide households with payment plans or financial help to pay any past bills. For additional information, go to Find help paying water bills.

Food Banks

Each community, regardless of size, should a nearby food bank to assist with feeding children, the poor, or struggling families. For more information on what's available in your community, go to Food Banks Near Me.

Prescription Drug Assistance

There are numerous prescription drug assistance programs now available to low-income and/or uninsured families. Deep discounts and vouchers can be found at Prescription Assistance.

Charitable Organizations

Local churches and non-profit organizations are moving mountains to try and fill the gap for families in need during this unprecedented situation. For more information, go to Charitable Programs Near Me, or go to the State Search.