



Division of

Community and Resident Services

EFA PROGRAM GUIDELINES

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (EFA) FOR RESIDENTIAL AND UTILITY COSTS

SERVICE OBJECTIVE:

To mitigate the acute threat of housing insecurity, posed by a resident's imminent eviction and / or utility service interruption, due to short – term financial crisis

PROGRAM CRITERIA:

- a. Past Due Housing Costs > 30 days (Documentation: Landlord, Mortgage Lender or Utility Co.)
- b. Imminent Residential Eviction (Documentation: 7-day notice/Forcible Detainer)
- c. Utility Service Disconnection (Documentation: Shut off notice from Utility Company)

CLIENT ELIGIBILITY:

1. **Low Income Needs – Household Income < 40% Area Median** (as of 7.1.20)

Family of 1 < \$22,240	Family of 5 < \$34,320
Family of 2 < \$25,440	Family of 6 < \$36,880
Family of 3 < \$28,600	Family of 7 < \$39,400
Family of 4 < \$31,760	Family of 8 < \$41,960

2. **Extenuating Needs – Loss of Income (within the past 90 days)**

- a. *Involuntary Job Loss* (Verified by Current or Pending Status of Unemployment Benefits)
- b. *Workplace Injury* (Documentation of pre-injury wages & Worker's Comp cash benefit)
- c. *Medical Care* (Documentation of Extended Illness, Personal Injury, or Maternity Status)

BENEFIT STANDARDS:

- ✓ **Maximum Aggregate Benefit = \$800 per household**
 - a) Rental or Mortgage Assistance = \$800 maximum
 - b) Utility Assistance = \$400 maximum
- ✓ Fayette County Residency > 1 year
- ✓ Previous EFA Benefactor = no sooner than 36 months
- ✓ Verification of current or pending income