

What you need to know to get ***EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE***

The Hendry County Emergency Services can assist with; delinquent utilities up to \$250, rental with eviction notice – not to exceed \$350 of one month's rent, food - \$25 per person not to exceed \$150, medical for prescriptions and eyeglasses, and indigent burial as referred from funeral home. Eligibility based on loss of recent (within 3 mos.) income, medical emergency, emergency vehicle or home repair –all verified and based on total household income. Assistance not to exceed \$350 in a 18 month period.

Community Services Block Grant Program can assist with; cut-off utilities, deposits for utilities for homeless families, rent or rental deposits for homeless, medical for eyeglasses, tooth extractions and prescriptions. A person is homeless if he/she lives on the street, not in a place meant for human habitation (cars, parks, abandoned buildings etc.), in an emergency shelter, or a motel/hotel. Not homeless if living with relatives or friends. Assistance not to exceed \$500 in a 12 month period. The Family Self-Sufficiency Program for education or job skills to be contracted in September to begin October 1st each year. Applications will be given for support services only for long distance education. Summer Youth Program pays for youth to attend summer camp for low-income in Harlem and Ford-Sunset Park.

Client needs to bring:

- State ID or Drivers License for adult applying for assistance.
- Social Security cards for **ALL** household members.
- Income for **ALL** household members (anyone who lives in the home with you), for the last full month prior to the application for assistance.
- Past due bill, eviction notice or proof of expense needed to be paid.

Evidence of your emergency: (The emergency must show a loss of income or no income verified).

- Note from your doctor or letter from Social Security that you are disabled and can't work.
- Loss of income from your last employer or proof of applying for Unemployment Comp.
- Loss of unearned income such as Workman's Comp., Child Support (pay stub to verify on the computer), Social Security, Unemployment, Pension or Cash must bring letter as proof.
- Loans and/or contributions from friends or family must bring a note that this service has ended and why, signed with a living address, date and phone number if available.
- Verification of unexpected expenses such as: car repairs, appliance repairs or purchases, medical emergencies and such by receipts to show you had additional expenses.

Client may be required:

- ALL** adults over 18 with no income and no medical excuse may be asked to provide proof that they have applied for at least two (2) jobs at the Workforce Council, 215 So. Francisco St., Clewiston (863) 983-6138 or 485 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle (863)675-7652 or from an independent employer. (Case Manager may be able to pull up some jobs on the computer).
- If not on Food Stamps, you may be asked to apply or report changes to the change line in order to get benefits timely or correct benefits.
- Bring proof of bank account if assets are questionable.
- Bring proof of support from children's father, boyfriend, family member or other agency.

If you qualify for assistance:

- We may be able to help with a partial amount of your obligation and you must verify how you will pay the balance by a money order made out to the vendor, a note from the vendor stating arrangements have been made for payment or extended, a note from a person or agency who states they will pay the balance of the obligation.

You must be a Hendry County Resident for 90 days for either of the programs listed above unless referred by the Sheriff's Department, Abuse Shelter, Hendry-Glades Mental Health or the Red Cross.

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9AM – 4PM at the Courthouse Square, 165 So. Lee St., in LaBelle.
Tuesday & Thursday 9AM – 4PM at the County Satellite, corner of El Paso and Central in Clewiston.
Call (863) 675-5356 or 983-1469 for more information or to make an appointment for services.**