

# Do You Need Cash Assistance? You Might Be Eligible for General Assistance

If you apply for General Assistance and are turned down you can appeal.

MidPenn Legal Services can help with appeals.

If you live in Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Centre, Clearfield, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry or Schuylkill County call:

1-800-326-9177

If you live in Lancaster County call:

800-732-0025

If you live in York County call:

717-848-3605

Because of a recent court decision, some individuals with very low income can now get Cash Assistance from the welfare office. People can qualify for General Assistance if they:

- have a temporary or permanent disability;
- are a minor child who is not living with a relative;
- are caring for an unrelated child under the age of 13 or are caring for someone who is ill or disabled;
- are victims of domestic violence (limited to 9 months in a lifetime); or
- are in a drug or alcohol treatment program that prevents them from working (limited to 9 months in a lifetime).

The maximum Cash Assistance for people with no other income is \$205/month for 1 person, or \$316/month for two people.



  
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# How to Apply for General Assistance

## How Do I Apply?

You can apply in person at the welfare office, or online at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us). You can also get help applying by calling The Compass HELPLINE: 800-692-7462.

## What Do I Need?

To prove disability you will need to get a welfare department medical form (Employability Assessment Form PA 1663) completed.

To prove domestic violence you will need to get a welfare department Domestic Violence Verification Form (PA Form 1747) completed.

If you are in a drug and alcohol treatment program, the program will need to fill out a welfare department form showing that you are actively participating.

If you are caring for someone who is disabled, you will need to get a medical form completed by their doctor, or a letter from their doctor.

If you are caring for a child who is not related to you, you will need to explain the situation to the welfare department and provide some proof that the child is living with you—for example, a letter from a neighbor or relative, or school or medical records.