

Resources for Distressed Households

UNITED STATES

This document contains resources that may help publishers and their families within the **United States**. *The branch office does not recommend any of the following programs.* Family heads will need to use discernment and carefully research these resources to determine whether the program is appropriate for their households and decide if they will avail themselves of such programs.—Gal. 6:5.

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Instructions

Elders are encouraged to share this document with all family heads, both baptized and unbaptized publishers. Elders may choose to assign someone to assist the publisher to further research and apply for available programs.—*od* chap. 12 par. 14.

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Scan through all resources for applicable programs.

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Learn more about the resources you are interested in by following the link.

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Apply online or call for assistance with all applicable resources.

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Federal

Main Resources Site

[Government benefits](#)

Programs to assist with food, housing, health

care, and other basic living expenses

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

[Individuals](#)

A one-time \$600 relief payment to eligible farm and food workers who were hired for and worked in an eligible front-line job during the public health emergency

[Individuals](#)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) provide monthly cash assistance to eligible individuals. Approval time for assistance may be reduced for individuals of any age with specific severe diagnoses through the Compassionate Allowances (CAL) Program

Other links

[SSDI](#)

[Office locator](#)

[CAL form](#)

[Individuals & Small businesses](#)

Tax credits to assist with energy-efficiency upgrades.

[Small businesses](#)

Reimbursements to participating child care centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers for meals provided to eligible children and adults enrolled for care

Other links

[State contacts](#)

[Small businesses](#)

Refundable tax credit for businesses with employees affected during the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications for the 2021 tax periods accepted until **April 15, 2025**

FOOD ASSISTANCE

[Food distribution](#)

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) provides monthly food packages for income-eligible seniors 60 years and older. Apply

through local agency

HOUSING

[Homeowner assistance](#)

Payment assistance in the form of low-interest loans for low- and very-low-income homeowners to reduce mortgage payments for a short time. Funds may also be used to purchase, build, repair, renovate or relocate a home, or to purchase and prepare sites, including providing water and sewage facilities

[Homeowner assistance](#)

Grants of up to \$10,000 and loans of up to \$40,000 to assist with necessary repairs and home modifications for eligible individuals

[Homeowner assistance](#)

Grants for veterans towards the purchase or modification of a home to meet their needs and live more independently

[Homeowner assistance](#)

Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLB) by region offer grants to assist with home purchase, home modifications, or necessary repairs. Find your regional FHLB and contact a local member bank for assistance. **Funds are limited.**

[Atlanta Region](#)

[Boston Region](#)

[Chicago Region](#)

[Cincinnati Region](#)

[Dallas Region](#)

[Des Moines Region](#)

[Indianapolis Region](#)

[New York Region](#)

[Pittsburgh Region](#)

[San Francisco Region](#)

[Topeka Region](#)

NEW: [Renter assistance](#)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) assists with housing for age-eligible disabled individuals. Subject to waitlist.

[Various assistance](#)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides housing support through various resources for rental assistance, local public housing, rent relief, and homeownership. Program availability may vary by state

[Various assistance](#)

State Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) that may provide assistance to homeowners and renters.

MEDICAL

[Treatment cost](#)

Medicaid provides free or low-cost health coverage for no-to low-income adults, children, disabled individuals, and seniors

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Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides low-cost health coverage to children in families that may not qualify for Medicaid and are unable to afford private insurance. In some states,

pregnant women may be covered

UNEMPLOYMENT

[Benefits](#)

Confirm eligibility, apply, or check on claims

OTHER RESOURCES

[Basic needs](#)

Benefits, support, and services for spouses, dependents, survivors, and caregivers of veterans.

[Children](#)

Assistance with child care costs

[Funeral assistance](#)

FEMA will provide up to **\$9,000** per funeral and related expenses, if the death was related to COVID-19. If applicant paid for multiple funerals, up to **\$35,500** per application, per state or territory may be available. Applications accepted until **September 30, 2025. Funds are limited.**

[Senior care](#)

Agencies that provide assistance such as in-home care, delivered meals, home repairs, and transportation.

[Area agency locator](#)

Nationwide

Main Resources Site

[Multi-aid directory](#)

[Phone 211 for aid](#)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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[Artists](#)

\$3,000 for craft and folk/traditional artists with significant medical expenses or other emergencies

[Food and beverage industry](#)

Emergency funding for those in the industry

[Food and beverage industry](#)

Financial assistance for food service workers who miss work due to unexpected hardship

[Grocery workers](#)

\$250 gift card. Funds renew the first of every month

[Individuals](#)

Grant of up to \$2,500 for first responders, supporting services, and medical personnel

[Individuals](#)

Grant of up to \$7,500 to assist employees and their families in the food and beverage industry facing a medical crisis, injury, death, or natural disaster

Other links

[Application](#)

[Individuals](#)

Assistance with eligible expenses for those working in performing arts and entertainment

[Individuals](#)

Grant programs of up to \$5,000 for professional dancers or artists who are experiencing a financial emergency or unexpected expenses. Application cycles are subject to close and reopen. Check regularly

[Individuals](#)

Grants for professional music performers and educators facing unexpected hardship

[Individuals](#)

Grant of up to \$5,000 to assist with funeral costs and other expenses to family members of first responders and support staff lost in the line of duty

[Small businesses](#)

Annual grants of up to \$35,000 for women-owned small businesses

[Small businesses](#)

Various grants to assist with operating expenses and equipment costs for dairy businesses. Subject to close and reopen

FOOD ASSISTANCE

[Find food](#)

Multi-listing

[Food assistance](#)

Double Up Food Bucks doubles EBT and SNAP funds for produce. Program is available in select states

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[Food delivery](#)

Free home-delivered meals for homebound

seniors

HOUSING

[Homeowner assistance](#)

Grants and zero- to low-interest loans of up to \$18,681 to assist with home purchases for school employees, healthcare workers, law enforcement, emergency responders, government employees, and veterans

[Renter assistance](#)

Interest-free loan of up to \$5,000 for up to 3 months of rent for eligible individuals, regardless of immigration status

[Utilities](#)

Home internet with WiFi for \$9.95 per month for families with K-12 children that qualify

MEDICAL

[Basic needs](#)

Grant to assist with rent, mortgage, or medical expenses for registered nurses facing a medical crisis

NEW: [Basic needs](#)

Grants to assist with health care, assistive technology, vehicle modifications, lodging, and transportation for uninsured or underinsured children 18 years old and under or eligible adults between 19 and 21 years of age. Care kits also available for eligible children.

[Medical devices](#)

Free pair of single or lined bifocal eyeglasses for low-income individuals

[Medical devices](#)

Up to \$5,000 to assist with purchase of assistive technology and adaptive equipment for individuals with a disability or diagnosed with a chronic illness. Subject to close and reopen

[Medical devices](#)

Free Augmentative & Assistive Communication (AAC) device for children ages 2 - 18 with communication challenges

[Medical devices](#)

Grants and assistance with obtaining a wheelchair accessible vehicle

[Medical devices](#)

Free communication equipment for eligible individuals with hearing and vision loss

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[Medical devices](#)

Telecommunications devices to assist deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech-impaired individuals

[Medical devices](#)

Free iPad for children with an autism diagnosis.

Funds are limited

[Medication assistance](#)

Free vaccine vouchers for uninsured, professional over-the-road truck drivers that have a current Class A CDL. Drivers may receive free flu, shingles, and pneumonia vaccines

[Transportation & lodging](#)

Free medical transport services to patients in need. Assistance includes gas cards, bus and train tickets, and commercial and private airline

[Treatment cost](#)

Clinics for the uninsured, no-cost medical clinics, affordable clinics, and low-income clinics

[Treatment cost](#)

Free and low-cost dental services

[Treatment cost](#)

Dental care for those who are 65 or older, permanently disabled, or who need medically necessary dental care. Available treatments vary by location. Applications open and close periodically

[Treatment cost](#)

No cost prosthetic care for income-eligible individuals

[Treatment cost](#)

Financial assistance with copays, premiums, deductibles and out-of-pocket expenses for underinsured individuals with chronic or life-altering diseases

[Treatment cost](#)

Free eye exams for uninsured seniors 65 years and older and those at risk of glaucoma

[Treatment cost](#)

Grant to assist with medication, medical evaluation, and therapy for income-eligible families of children with an autism diagnosis

[Treatment cost](#)

Free or low-cost healthcare services for uninsured or underinsured individuals.

[Treatment cost & Medical devices](#)

Grant of up to \$3,000 to assist with speech therapy and assistive devices for individuals 3—22 years of age. Subject to open and close

OTHER RESOURCES

[Basic needs](#)

Grants of up to \$5,000 to assist with food, clothing, medical costs, utilities, car repairs, and

furniture. Subject to close and reopen. **Funds are limited**

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[Basic needs](#)

Furniture banks that provide used or new furniture for little or no cost

[Basic needs](#)

Find a Community Action Agency (CAA) in your area that may help cover basic needs such as financial assistance, food, and more

[Basic needs](#)

Assistance with mortgage, rent, utilities, prescriptions, and more for truck drivers unable to work

[Children](#)

Free twin beds, bedding, and pillows for eligible children between the ages of 3 and 16

[Children](#)

Equipment, products, and services provided for eligible children with serious illnesses

[Children](#)

Locator map for free portable crib for infants

[Funeral assistance](#)

Financial assistance of up to \$500 to assist with funeral expenses such as burial or cremation costs for children from 20 weeks gestation to 12 years old

[Senior care](#)

Financial assistance to pay for senior care

[Transportation](#)

Charitable flights for various humanitarian purposes

[Transportation](#)

Program providing a free car to eligible families or veterans

[Transportation](#)

Assistance for truck drivers to return home in case of injury, medical crisis, or loss of life

[Various resources](#)

Grants of up to \$2,500 to cover necessary medical treatments and emergency services for dogs

[Various resources](#)

Free internet and mobile hotspots for eligible students

[Various resources](#)

Grant of up to \$2,000 to assist with emergency veterinary care for pets

[Various resources](#)

Grant to assist with urgent veterinary care for pets

Undocumented Immigrants

Main Resources Site

[Immigrant assistance](#)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

UPDATED: [Families](#)

Emergency grant up to \$7,500 for families of those in the food and beverage industry

NEW: [Individuals](#)

Zero interest loans of up to **\$1,440** to assist with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) fees.

HOUSING

[Renter assistance](#)

A 0% interest loan of up to \$5,000 for up to 3 months of rent. Applicants may apply regardless

of immigration status

MEDICAL

[Treatment cost](#)

Free or low-cost health care services, such as primary care and dental services, for uninsured or underinsured individuals

[Treatment cost](#)

Free or low-cost dental care for uninsured or underinsured individuals