

## Emergency Assistance and Emergency General Assistance Programs

Emergency programs are available to qualifying persons to prevent homelessness or utility shut off.

**Emergency Assistance (EA)** - Helps eligible families who have children in the home under age 18.

- EA is a program that helps families with children under the age of 18 who are in danger of being evicted or having a utility shut off.
- EA can be used once in a 12-month period.
- Eligibility is based on income and assets at the time of application.
- EA is funded by allocation with limited funds.
- Additional rules may apply.

**Emergency General Assistance (EGA)** - Helps eligible adults without minor children in the home.

- EGA helps eligible households that do not qualify for EA, MFIP or DWP.
- This program may be used in a crisis to assist with utilities and housing.
- EGA can be used once in a 12-month period.
- Eligibility is based on income and assets at the time of application.
- EGA is funded by allocation with limited funds.
- Additional rules may apply.

### **A few important things to note regarding the COVID-19 crisis:**

- Economic Assistance is allowing applications to pend for up to 45 days instead of 30 days. Financial workers should not ask applicants to withdraw their EA/EGA request because they cannot be evicted or disconnected at this time under the peacetime emergency declaration.
- Tax returns and the stimulus check are counted for emergency programs. Applicants will need to use these funds to resolve their crisis.
- Unemployment income, including the additional \$600/week is counted for emergency programs.
- Energy Assistance through ACCAP is available through June 30, 2020 for those that qualify. If an applicant is applying for EA/EGA for utilities, they will need to apply for Energy Assistance. If they have already used Energy Assistance, they may qualify for additional help. If the crisis is imminent and Energy Assistance cannot resolve or resolve in time, EA/EGA may be approved if the applicant is eligible.
- If EA/EGA is approved for past due rent, payment may also be made on past due utilities and vice versa.

### **How to Apply**

Options for Applying:

- Apply Online at [applymn.dhs.mn.gov](http://applymn.dhs.mn.gov)
- Call the EZ Info line at 763-422-7200 to request an application by mail, fax or email
- Print the Combined Application Form (CAF) online at [edocs.dhs.mn.us](http://edocs.dhs.mn.us)

Options for submitting applications and verifications:

- Email to [paperwork@co.anoka.mn.us](mailto:paperwork@co.anoka.mn.us)
- Mail to Economic Assistance PO Box 10 Anoka, MN 55303
- At a drop box location: Anoka Government Center, Blaine Human Service Center or Ramsey City Hall