

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Colorado that the existing Policy and Procedure 1.2.3 Regulating General Assistance is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

Title: Administrative Policy General Assistance Ordinance	Policy No. Part 1, County Administration Chapter 2, County Organization Section 3
	Effective Date December 21, 2020
Policy Custodian Human Services Department	Hearing Date November 10, 2020

Adopting Resolution(s): CC20-316

References (Statutes/Resos/Policies): §30-17-101 through 30-17-108, C.R.S.; CC74-1195, CC79-658, CC85-49, CC00-440, CC04-106, CC04-054, CC10-192, CC20-294

Purpose: To provide assistance to meet certain emergency and temporary needs of persons experiencing poverty pursuant to the provisions of the General Assistance statute, C.R.S. § 30-17-101, et seq.

Ordinance: General Assistance

A. Authority

1. The Jefferson County Department of Human Services shall be charged with the responsibility of implementing and administering a General Assistance program in Jefferson County.
2. The Director of Human Services shall be charged with the responsibility to establish eligibility requirements, assistance thresholds and time limits, and other parameters for the General Assistance program, and to change such program parameters as necessary to meet the purpose of the program, subject to the terms of this Policy and the General Assistance statute. The program parameters may be obtained from the Office of the Director of Human Services.

B. Benefits

1. The following categories of General Assistance benefits shall be available to eligible applicants through the General Assistance program:
 - a. Housing stability assistance
 - b. Utility assistance
 - c. Transportation assistance
 - d. Grocery and household essentials assistance
 - e. Emergency medical care assistance
 - f. Burial assistance

- g. Prescription medication assistance
- h. Temporary housing assistance

2. Special Circumstances

- a. Under special circumstances, or in the case of an emergency where time restrictions will not permit handling the situation under normal procedures, and the applicant otherwise appears eligible, the Director or his/her designee, may grant additional benefits necessary to alleviate an acute condition which jeopardizes the health and safety of the applicant or his/her immediate family.
- b. The Director, or his/her designee, may also authorize expenditure of General Assistance funds for emergency items that may be reimbursed at a later date from other assistance funds, such as Old Age Pension, Aid to Needy Disabled, Colorado Works, etc.

C. Availability of Benefits

The availability of General Assistance program benefits is dependent upon Jefferson County having appropriated and made available General Assistance funds.