

# General Assistance & Emergency Assistance

## General Assistance-(GA) – Single adult, no dependents

What is General Assistance?

General Assistance in Belvidere Township is a locally administered welfare program which provides monthly financial assistance to persons who are not eligible for any other State or Federal assistance programs, and who do not have adequate income or resources to provide for their own basic needs, and may include;

1. Food/Therapeutic Diets
2. Shelter/Rent, Mortgage, Room and Board
3. Utilities/Lights, Heat, Cooking Fuel
4. Clothing
5. Necessary Medical Care/Office Calls, Prescriptions
6. Household and Personal Supplies
7. Laundry Expense/if unable to do by self

Applicants must meet financial and non-financial factors for eligibility

### **Eligibility Guidelines:**

- Must be a Township resident
- 18 years or older
- Without minor children
- U.S. resident or legal alien
- No potential means of income
- Have applied and been found ineligible for other State or Federal benefits
- Must be able to work, job search and do work fare
- Pending Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income
- Call 815-544-2027 for a Pre-Application intake
- Applications can be picked up in person at the township office or one can be mailed to you.

You will be required to bring in the following documents that apply to you and your household:

- Completed and signed application
- Picture I.D.
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Proof of current address/living arrangement: Rent/Lease agreement or receipt, letter from landlord, or mortgage payment book
- Proof of income for the past sixty (60) days
- Verification of other income: Unemployment benefits, Social Security, SSI, V.A. benefits, Workers Compensation, pension or retirement income/401K, rental income, Public aid, child support or any other type of income being received at this time.
- Verification of any bank accounts: checking, savings, credit union, trust funds, etc.

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- Proof of insurance if any: Medicaid and/or Insurance card
- Proof of Marriage/Divorce
- Verification of property: deeds, mortgage payment, tax bill, home owner's insurance
- Verification of vehicle(s) ownership: title, registration, insurance, etc.
- Verification of current registration with the IL Job Serve – I.D.E.S.
- Verification of applying for or pending case with SSI, SSD, Social Security, Medicaid, etc.
- If unable to work because disabled, must provide medical diagnosis with work restrictions and limitations from doctor

## Emergency Assistance (EA) – Families with children

What is Emergency Assistance?

Emergency Assistance is administered to persons once in a twelve month period with a lifetime maximum of 5 times. Applicant must be a Township resident who has received a utilities disconnection notice (not for non-payment of deposit), and/or a five day notice on rent or behind on mortgage payments.

You may not receive general assistance and emergency assistance at the same time. You must be ineligible for general assistance in order to be potentially eligible for emergency assistance. Income, assets, and cooperation with the program will determine eligibility. This is an optional program and not all townships administer this program. Emergency Assistance is paid directly to a vendor such as a landlord or utility company.

### **Eligibility Guidelines:**

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- 18 years or older
- U.S. resident or legal alien
- Must call 815-544-2027 for a Pre-Application intake
- Applications can be picked up in person at the township office or one can be mailed to you.

You will be required to bring in the following documents that apply to you and your household:

- Completed and signed application
- Picture I.D. (**for all adults in the household**)
- Birth Certificate (**for all in the household**)
- Social Security Card (**for all in the household**)
- Proof of current address/living arrangement: Rent/Lease agreement or receipt, letter from landlord, or mortgage payment book
- Proof of income for the past sixty (60) days
- Verification of other income: Unemployment benefits, Social Security, SSI, V.A. benefits, Workers Compensation, pension or retirement income/401K, rental income, Public aid, child support or any other type of income being received at this time.
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## Other Boone County Townships

Because Belvidere Township has full time, professionally trained, general assistance staff the following townships have contracted with Belvidere Township to process their general assistance applications and cases: Bonus Township, Boone Township, Caledonia Township, Flora Township, Leroy Township, Manchester Township, Poplar Grove Township, and Spring Township

Townships that have Belvidere Township process their Assistance Programs reimburse the township for direct expenses associated with the applications and pay a processing fee for each case.

Only Belvidere Township offers Emergency Assistance

## Helpful Resources

### Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)

303 N. Main Street  
Rockford, IL 61103  
815-395-6600

### Illinois Department of Human Service (DHS)

1111 N. Avon Street  
Rockford, IL 61101  
815-987-7942

Or New Cases Only 815-547-9616

### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

United Way  
220 West Locust Avenue  
Belvidere, IL 61008  
815-544-3144

### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Alerta  
130 S. State Street  
Belvidere, IL 61008  
815-547-3800

**Helping Hands**  
815-544-1409

**Salvation Army**  
815-544-3892

**St. Vincent DePaul**  
815-547-7429