

Rent and Utility Assistance

Emergency Rent Assistance

Champaign Township Emergency Assistance Program

<https://cctownship.com/assistance/>

- Provides a maximum \$260 monthly grant for a single adult
- Applications can be picked up at 53 E. Logan St., Champaign, or call 217-403-6120 to request one by mail.
- Application also available at:
<https://cctownship.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Transitional-Assistance-App-2.pdf>
- To qualify:
 - Reside in Champaign county (can be homeless)
 - Between 18-64 years old
 - Not categorically eligible for cash benefits (such as TANF) from Family Community Resource Center (formerly IDHS)
 - Not receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)
 - Unable to work due to a life threatening condition
- You are ineligible if:
 - You have income from another source
 - Your benefits are prorated for a partial month
 - You have a GA overpayment

Champaign County Regional Planning Commission Rental Assistance

<https://ccrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/rent-assistance-documentation.pdf>

- **Emergency Rent Assistance**
 - For applicants who are homeless or at risk for homelessness (per HUD definition) and need funds for stabilizing their situation
- **Temporary Hardship Assistance**
 - For past due rent or first month's rent
 - Once you have received assistance, you are ineligible for the next 2 years
- To apply, call the assistance line at 217-819-4099. The recorded line will say if the RPC currently has funds for the program. If it does, it will tell the steps for receiving funds.
- For example:
 - Walk-in hours for those who have received an eviction notice in the past 7 days can come in Mondays 8am-3pm (must present the notice along with a valid current month's lease)

Empty Tomb

- Weekly funds are available for emergency situations
- First-come first-served, must call Monday mornings
- Call 217-356-2262 for more information

Utility Assistance

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)

<https://ccrpc.org/programs/low-income-home-energy-assistance/>

- To receive information or make an appointment, please call (217) 384-1226.
- Eligibility determined by:
 - Family size and household income in accordance with federal guidelines
 - Proof of income for past 30 days
 - Social security cards for all household members
 - Recent gas/electric bill and a disconnect notice if within seven days of disconnection OR rental agreement if utilities are included in rent
- Appointments are tightly scheduled, if you are late you will be rescheduled.

Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program

<https://ccrpc.org/programs/weatherization/>

- Provides safe energy-efficient homes to low-income members of our community.
- To make an appointment, call 217-384-1226.
- Eligibility:
 - Determined by family size and household income in accordance with federal guidelines
 - Proof of income for the past 30 days
 - Social security cards for all household members
 - Recent gas/electric bill (and a disconnect notice if within seven days of disconnection) or rental agreement if utilities are included in rent
 - Copy of title or deed to your home

Warm Neighbors Cool Friends Program (Ameren Electricity)

<https://www.ameren.com/Illinois/warm-neighbors-cool-friends>

- Year-round assistance with bill payments
- Contact the local Salvation Army at 217-373-7832 for information on applying
- Must provide proof of income, and recipients generally fall between 150 to 300 percent of the federal poverty line

H2O to Help Others Program (American Water)

<https://amwater.com/ilaw/customer-service-billing/customer-assistance-program>

- Contact the local Salvation Army at 217-373-7832 for information on applying
- Also offer payment plans if you call before bill is due (800-422-2782)
- Any individual or family whose water service is being provided by Illinois American Water and who is in danger of losing their primary source of water and meets the "basic needs" criteria as set by Salvation Army caseworkers qualifies for the program