

## 11.7 Provision of Assistance

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1. Applicants determined eligible for assistance pursuant to Section 11.3 shall be granted assistance in an amount and for a duration which shall be determined by resolution of the Linn County Board of Supervisors.

- i. Pursuant to 11.3 (1) (c), monthly countable income for eligible applying households shall be at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guideline. FY13 Federal Poverty Guideline is \$931 for a single person, \$1261 for a married couple.

- ii. An eligible applying household meeting the criteria established in 11.3(1) may receive assistance two (2) times in a twelve (12) month period. Eligibility for assistance is based on the month assistance was first provided in the last twelve months.

- a. **Example:** If the applicant received assistance in May and August, the Applicant would not be eligible for assistance again until the following month of May. If more than twelve months elapse from the last date of assistance granted this rule does not apply.

- i. For Individuals who are suffering from a short term medical issue and are able to provide the General Assistance Office an incapacity report: An eligible applying household meeting the criteria established in 11.3(2) may receive assistance for the duration of the applicant's disability or up to six consecutive months, whichever is less, unless an exception is approved by the director.

- ii. **For Individuals who applied for Social Security Disability Benefits:** Applicants subject to 11.5(3) who apply for and diligently pursue SSI or SSDI benefits may continue to receive assistance until their application is successful or until a determination is made at the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) level that the applicant does not have a qualifying disability. Upon dismissal of an application for SSDI or SSI benefits for failure to diligently pursue the application, assistance under 11.3(2) shall terminate. A reapplication for benefits for the same disability does not entitle the applicant to additional assistance under 11.3(2).

- iii. Individuals denied at the Administrative Law Judge level will be moved from "on-going" to "needy" status 11.3(1).

- iv. Applicants denied at the Administrative Law Judge level are not eligible for ongoing assistance should they choose to reapply for Social Security until five years from the last date they received on-going assistance.

- v. Pursuant to 11.3(2)(d) unearned income for eligible applying households shall not exceed \$150.

vi. Pursuant to 11.3(2)(e), eligible applying households shall have a non-exempt resource limit of \$500.

2. Needs for which assistance may be provided are rent, interest on home mortgages, utilities, transportation and burial. In addition, applicants determined eligible for assistance pursuant to Section 11.3 (2) may receive assistance for food and essential non-food products. Assistance for food and essential non-food products may also be provided to applicants determined eligible for assistance pursuant to Section 11.3 (1) upon a determination by the director that the program funding balance is adequate to allow for expanded assistance.

i. Food and Essential Non-Food Assistance pursuant to 11.7(1) and 11.10 shall be determined by the most current “Thrifty Food Plan” developed by the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) for food stamp eligibility (Attachment “B”) and shall be available only to eligible applying households meeting the criteria established in 11.3 (2). Those households shall receive a four day allotment.

3. Assistance shall not be granted or used for the payment of deposits, taxes, interest (other than home mortgage interest), carrying charges, delinquent payments, or other payments not directly necessary for the support and maintenance of the applying household.