



Housing Assistance

Emergency Assistance (EA)

Emergency Assistance (EA) is temporary housing and shelter-related assistance for people who are eligible for Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The program is supervised by the state Division of Family Development and administered by the County Welfare Agencies. **If not currently a WFNJ recipient, please apply at www.mynjhelps.org

Eligibility

- Must be a recipient of WFNJ or SSI
- Must be able to show utility arrears (shut off notice); or
- Must show proof of impending eviction or foreclosure
- Must be homeless or in imminent danger of becoming homeless due to circumstances beyond their control.

Emergency Assistance Time Limitations

- Lifetime limit of 12 months

Recipient Contribution

Recipients must contribute 30% of their household income toward rent/shelter costs.

Social Services for the Homeless (SSH)

A county and community based agency administered short-term safety net program offering core services: Food, Emergency Shelter, Homeless Prevention (such as back rent/utility payment), and Case Management. Access the program by calling 211 to locate the local vendors.

Eligibility

- New Jersey residency
- Individuals and families ineligible for WFNJ cash assistance due to income, lifetime limit, or citizenship status.
- WFNJ and SSI recipients who have exhausted their EA lifetime limit.
- The crisis will be resolved after short-term assistance is provided

SSH Time Limitations

- 4 months maximum

Recipient Contribution

None

