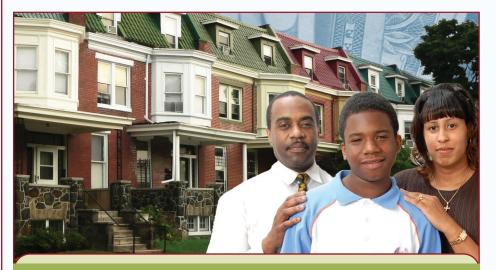# Do you need help handling an emergency situation?

Emergency Assistance to Families with Children (EAFC) provides emergency cash assistance to families who need help paying an eviction notice or mortgage foreclosure, utility turn-off, or other emergency bills. These funds are available to a household only once every 24 months.

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What should I bring to the interview?

- Proof of identity (driver's license, Maryland identification card, or employment identification)
- Social Security Numbers for everyone in the household
- Proof of address (lease, utility, water, or phone bill, rent or mortgage statement)
- Proof of income (most recent pay stubs or benefit letter for government checks: Social Security – Supplemental Security Income, Supplemental Security Disability Income, Veterans Benefit, Social Security, or any others)
- Proof of emergency (eviction or utility interruption notice)
- Proof of other cash or non-cash resources. (savings and checking account statements)
- Proof of household expenses (most recent utility: gas, electric bill or other that shows the company's name, address, and telephone number; receipt or written statement of child care costs; real estate tax bill; recent doctor or hospital bills.)

How is eligibility determined?

Families must have one or more related children under 21, living in the household. Families must present proof of the emergency.

How do I apply?

You may apply by mail, fax, in person at your local department of social services, or someone may drop your application off for you. For immediate attention, requests for Emergency Assistance to Families with Children should be followed up with a visit to your local department of social services. Once the application is processed, an interview will be scheduled at a social services office near you. You must meet all financial and technical eligibility factors prior to getting emergency assistance.

For more information, call (800) 332-6347 | TTY (800) 735-2258.

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