



Expanding Anti-Trafficking Services: Do You Know About the Benefits and Services in Your Community?

Search Tools Can Help You Find Benefits in Your Community



The [Benefits Finder search tool](#) uses questions to help you identify if you are eligible for federally funded resources like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and provides information on how to apply. The [benefits.gov website](#) provides information about assistance and resources that are available within each state and territory.

Energy Assistance is Available to Keep You Cool and Warm in Your Home



The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps to pay for energy bills (e.g., electricity, natural gas, propane, fuel oil, wood), crisis assistance for households without (or in danger of being without) heating or cooling, repairs to fix or replace heating and cooling equipment, support to make houses more energy efficient, and help during or after a natural disaster.

Use the [LIHEAP Search Tool](#) to find out if you qualify and how to access help.

Water and Wastewater Assistance May be Available in Your Community



While funding is no longer available for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program, many communities have resources to assist individuals and families with water and wastewater bills. Utility companies may offer assistance programs, due date extensions, or payment plans when you ask for help. Review the [Water Assistance Resources Handout](#) for tips on how to contact your utility company for help. Additional help may be available through [local community action agencies](#) and organizations like [United Way](#). You can call 2-1-1 to ask for help and get connected to local resources. If you live in a rural or tribal community, you can contact [Rural Community Development grant recipients](#) for assistance. For help with your water well or septic system, review resources in the [Water and Wastewater Resources Handout](#).

Community Organizations Help with Housing, Job Training, and Childcare



Local Community Action Agencies, funded by the Office of Community Services (OCS), provide services such as food, housing, job training, healthcare, childcare, and diapers to meet community needs. [Find a community action agency](#) to access services near year.



Currently, OCS is funding a pilot to expand existing diaper distribution services and connect families with supportive services such as Early Head Start, education, job training, and housing. Connect with [grant recipients providing diaper assistance](#) to learn more.

Community Development Corporations Create Local Jobs



The Community Economic Development (CED) program provides funds for Community Development Corporations to create and expand businesses, creating job opportunities in communities experiencing poverty and unemployment. Find [current CED grant recipients](#) and learn more about opportunities in your community.

Social Services Offices Have Programs to Help You and Your Family



States and territories receive funds through the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) to deliver services to children and adults with low incomes. Local social services offices may offer substance use treatment, childcare, home-based services, or other resources that state, tribal, and territorial officials determine are needed in their community. To learn more about services available in your community, contact your local social services office or the [SSBG Program Contact for your state](#) to learn more about available resources and eligibility.

Help is Available After Disasters



After severe natural disasters and other emergencies, [OCS grant recipients](#) can connect you with help and resources to recover. Disaster assistance may include funding for home repairs, food assistance, housing assistance, water assistance, and other help to recover from natural disasters like hurricanes, droughts, and wildfires.

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