

## **Non-Medical Assistance In Bannock County**

Residents of Bannock County may apply for only "Temporary" non-medical assistance from the County. The County will consider such applications only when no other alternative is available to the applicant.

The County may offer assistance with payment for the following services:

- Apartment rent
- Utilities (heat, electricity, and water only)
- Indigent Deceased (please click on Indigent Deceased link for more information)

Applicants will be required to reimburse the County for any assistance rendered on their behalf.

### **LIMITATIONS:**

#### **All:**

- applicants reside in Bannock County at least 30 consecutive days prior to the filing of an application;
- applicants file an application on approved form with notarized signature
- applications must be typed or filled out in blue or black ink. Applications filled out in pencil will not be accepted;
- applicants and their spouse must submit to an interview ;
- applicants must cooperate with County staff in the investigation of the application;
- applicants must be a Bannock County resident by legal definition;

#### **Bannock County:**

- will not provide more than one month's assistance in any 12-month aggregate time period (assistance received from another county in Idaho will count in this calculation) ;
- will not provide continuing or long-term assistance;
- will deny an application if an applicant voluntarily quit their job within 60 days prior to filing the application; or if he/she was fired for failing to appear for work, excessive absences, or violation of employer policies ;
- must be the last resort. That is, the applicant must have no other available resources, public or private;
- will consider all available resources of all adult members of the household ;
- may require all adult members of the household to submit to an interview ;
- requires that all adult members of the household must be employed or demonstrate they are actively seeking employment;
- will not pay for any non-emergency services where the applicant or the applicant's spouse is an undocumented illegal immigrant.

#### **Rent:**

- Applications cannot be filed sooner than 2 weeks before rent is due
- A valid type-written lease must be in effect and provided to county staff. Handwritten leases will not be considered valid.
- County will not make payments to relatives of any degree or relation, including in-laws
- County will not pay rent if the applicant is the subject of court eviction proceedings
- County will not pay first month of rent, hotel/motel charges, mortgages, security deposits, late fees, interest penalties, or RV parking;
- County will not pay rent where a co-signer exists
- County will not pay more rent than the amount set forth HUD Guidelines and/or all rent requests will be evaluated for reasonableness pursuant to household size;
- County will not pay past due rent;
- County will not pay the tenant's share of an applicant who is receiving subsidized housing;
- County will not pay rent or housing costs for: Half-way housing, Clean an sober living, similar boarding houses specifically provided for former felons or designed for recovering alcoholics or substance abusers, assisted living facilities, rest homes, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, homes for wayward children, or good Samaritan homes or facilities.

Utilities:

- The account must be in the name of the applicant or his/her spouse; or it is clearly demonstrated that the applicant is required to pay for the utilities;
- Utility assistance will only be granted for applicant's current address;
- Applications for utility assistance cannot be filed sooner than 2 weeks before the amount is due;
- If the account is guaranteed by another as a co-signer, the application will be denied;

**Bannock County will not pay for:**

- Reconnection fees or late fees
- Penalties or interest
- Mortgage payments
- House, rent, or auto insurance
- Auto maintenance
- Irrigation fees
- Internet, satellite TV or cable TV
- Any type of phone service
- Sewage, garbage or trash collection fees (except where water, sewer and trash are billed on a single billing document)
- Costs associated with septic tank cleaning or maintenance or replacement
- Vehicle expenses
- Child Support payments
- Any other expenses that are not considered "necessary living expenses"

**Things to consider before applying:**

- In reviewing all applications, the County will investigate your ability to work, as well as the ability of other adult household members to work;
- If you are unable to work, due to a medical condition, you must provide verification from your doctor;
- You will be required to reimburse the County for any funds expended on your behalf ;
- If federal, state or other programs or assistance are available to meet the needs of a household, an eligible applicant must apply for those programs before the County may provide non-medical assistance. If denied such other assistance, the applicant must pursue available administrative appeals for those programs to the final administrative level.

**How do I apply for Non-Medical assistance?**

You must file and sign an application for assistance on an approved application form only. Please use blue or black ink if filling out the application in your own handwriting. Applications will not be taken over the phone.

- STEP 1:** You may get a non-medical application at the Bannock County Indigent Services office located at 624 E. Center St., Rm. 106 in Pocatello, ID.
- STEP 2:** Schedule an interview.
- STEP 3:** Complete your application but do not sign it until you come in for your interview. An interview will not be conducted unless you have the completed application with you at the time of your interview. You will not be allowed to use the interview time to complete your application.
- STEP 4:** Attend your interview. Bring your completed application, picture identification and social security cards for everyone in your household, and verification of your income and expenses to your interview.