

BLAINE COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION
PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE FILLING OUT AN APPLICATION

This assistance program is for those who are qualified for assistance and have lived in Blaine County at least 30 days prior to filing the application, and applies only to rent, utilities (gas and power only) and cremation.

NOTE: YOU WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE IF:

- You are not indigent as defined by state law and county resolution; or
- You fail to complete an interview or fail to produce required documents; or
- You are not an Blaine County resident as defined by law; or
- Your application is not signed or is incomplete; or
- Your name is not on the lease agreement or the utility account; or
- You are involved in eviction proceedings or the Clerk believes eviction proceedings will be filed; or
- Your lease agreement is handwritten; or there is a co-signer on the lease; or
- You had sufficient funds to pay for the services you seek assistance for, but spent the money on non-essential expenses; or
- You or your spouse are undocumented illegal immigrants and the services are not emergency services.

THE COUNTY:

- Will not provide more than one month's assistance in any 12-month aggregate time period (assistance received by another county in Idaho will count in this calculation)
- Will not pay your first or last month's rent or deposit
- Will not make payments to relatives or other household members
- Will not pay for reconnection fees, late fees or interest charges
- Will not pay for sewage or garbage collection fees

THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING:

- In reviewing all applications, the county will investigate your ability to work, as well as the income and ability of other adults in your household to work.
- 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 your needs, you must apply for those programs, and if you are denied assistance by those programs you must pursue available administrative appeals for those programs to the final administrative level before filing for assistance from Blaine County.
- If unemployed, you must prove you are actively seeking employment; or produce a physician's statement that you are medically unable to work. If you quit your job without good cause, or were terminated for excessive absences or violating employer policies, your application will be denied.
- If you withhold or give false information on an application or during the interview for the purpose of obtaining county aid to which you are not otherwise entitled, you shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- If you divest yourself of assets or resources within three (3) months prior to applying for county assistance in order to become eligible, your application will be denied.
- You must be able to demonstrate that your current rent is sustainable in the future.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR NON-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE?

STEP 1: You must file and sign an application for assistance on an approved application form. Please complete form in black or blue ink only. Applications will not be taken over the phone and only applications submitted on the approved application form will be considered. Once you have completed your application, state law requires that you appear for an interview. Interviews are conducted at Blaine County Indigent Services.

STEP 2: You must bring your completed application and all requested documentation to Blaine County Indigent Services. At this time an interview will be scheduled.

**DOCUMENTATION THAT WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE TIME OF YOUR INTERVIEW
FOR NON-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

Please bring these items with you to your scheduled interview:

1. Proof of identity, such as your driver's license or photo identification card.
2. Social Security card or proof of Citizenship/Lawful Resident.
3. Copies of your lease or rental agreements for the house, apartment or dwelling where you live.
4. Proof of all household income from all sources for the last six (6) months for you, your spouse and any other adult member of your household, including but not limited to:

Wage Stubs	Employer earning Statement	Settlements
Veteran Benefits	Social Security / SSI/SSD	Unemployment
Child Support	Alimony	Retirement / Pension

5. The last six (6) months of bank statements including checking, savings, escrow and credit union accounts for you, your spouse, and any other adult member of your household. Also, please provide source documentation of all deposits and/or transfer of funds from/to your accounts.
6. If self-employed, the year-to-date bookkeeping records including sales and expense records, & 1099's.
7. Proof of filed applications or documents from agency showing current benefit amount or eligibility, including but not limited to:

Unemployment benefits	AABD	TAFI
Rental / Energy Assistance	Crime Victims Compensation	Housing
Worker's Compensation	Social Security Medicare	Social Security Disability
Medicaid	Food Stamps	

8. Proof of the monthly expenses (including balances/arrears owed) for you, your spouse and any adult member of your household, including:

Rent	Land / House Payment	Space Rent
Child Support	Childcare	Medical Expenses
Utility Bills	Alimony	All Insurance
Auto Insurance	Auto Payments	Other monthly expenses

9. The most recently filed State and Federal Tax Returns for you and your spouse/co-applicant.

Date Received by Indigent Services

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APPLICANT'S NAME (please print): _____

Do you need an Interpreter? Language: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM IN BLACK OR BLUE INK ONLY

IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR CREMATION, PLEASE USE THE DECEASED PERSON'S INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

LANDLORD or AGENCY TO BE PAID	TYPE OF SERVICE	DATES OF SERVICE	AMOUNT REQUESTED
Name: Street: City: State: Telephone:			
Name: Street: City: State: Telephone:			
Name: Street: City: State: Telephone:			
Name: Street: City: State: Telephone:			

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name		Middle Name		Last Name		Date of Birth	Social Security Number
Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)				How long at this address?		Marital Status	Maiden Name/Aliases
Mailing Address (if different)							
Phone – Home	Work	Cell	Message	Currently Employed? Yes No		Native American Tribe?	
If you are not currently employed, do you have a written Physician's statement that you are not employable?				YES NO			
Have you or your spouse served in the military?		APPLICANT YES NO		SPOUSE: YES NO			
Applicant Spouse		<u>Dates of Service</u>		<u>Discharge Date</u>		<u>Branch</u>	
Have you ever applied for assistance from Blaine County?				YES NO		If so, when?	
Have you ever applied for assistance from another county?				YES NO		If so, when?	
Have you received assistance from any county in the last 12 months? If so, give dates and county:				YES NO			
Are you currently living in a government subsidized or Section 8 housing program If so, please list:				YES NO			
Are you renting from a family member? If so, provide: Name:		YES NO		Relationship to you:			
Have you or any member of your household ever been sanctioned by or disqualified from an assistance program? YES NO If so, please list:							
<u>Name of Program/Agency</u>		<u>Date of penalty</u>		<u>Reason for Penalty</u>			
What level of education have you completed?							
List all agencies with whom you have applied for assistance for your current need							
<u>Name of Agency</u>		<u>Date you applied</u>		<u>Status of your application</u>			
List all property (real and personal) you have sold or given away in the last three months:							
<u>Description</u>		<u>Date Disposed</u>		<u>Value of Property</u>		<u>Sold To</u>	<u>Given To</u>
If you or any member of your household have any pending legal actions that might result in a monetary award to you or them, such as a lawsuit, insurance claim, accident claim, victim's compensation claim, divorce, inheritance, etc., please provide details, including case or reference number, date filed & status:							

APPLICANT'S EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Provide the following information beginning with your current or most recent job:

Name & Address of Employer	Employer's Phone	Date Hired	Date Ended	Rate of Pay	#Hours/Week
Type of work you performed		Reason you no longer work there			
Name & Address of Employer	Employer's Phone	Date Hired	Date Ended	Rate of Pay	#Hours/Week
Type of work you performed		Reason you no longer work there			
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Type of work you performed		Reason you no longer work there			
Name & Address of Employer	Employer's Phone	Date Hired	Date Ended	Rate of Pay	#Hours/Week
Type of work you performed		Reason you no longer work there			
Please list any other job skills you have					
Name & Address of Spouse's/Other Household Member's Employer	Employer's Phone	Date Hired	Date Ended	Rate of Pay	#Hours/Week
Type of work performed		Reason no longer works there			

RESIDENCE

Not counting your current residence, list the addresses of where you have lived for the past three years:

Address	Dates of Residence	Landlord
1) Address	From:	Name:
City: State County:	To:	Phone:
2) Address	From:	Name:
City: State County:	To:	Phone:
3) Address	From:	Name:
City: State County:	To:	Phone:

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Provide the names and information regarding all people who live at your residence:

NAME	DOB	AGE	RELATIONSHIP TO YOU	SS#	EMPLOYED?		HOURLY WAGE	HOURS PER WEEK
					Y/N	FT/PT		
							\$	
							\$	
							\$	
							\$	
							\$	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Answer all questions that pertain to you and any member of your household. If your name appears on any document listed below, you must answer the question with a YES.

FINANCIAL ASSETS	YES	NO	ACCOUNT NAME/BANK TITLE & ADDRESS		AMOUNT/ VALUE
Checking Account					\$
Savings Account					\$
Line of Credit					\$
Credit Card					\$
Certificates of Deposit					\$
Life Insurance Policies					\$
Stocks, Bonds, Trusts Mutual Funds, Annuities, IRA					\$
Burial Plot(s)					\$
Retirement Pension					\$
Cash on Hand					\$
Other					\$
REAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY			Description/Location of Property	Current Value	Amt.Owed
Home					\$
Land					\$
Recreational –Boats, Snowmobiles, etc.					
Mobile Home					\$
Rental Property					\$
Vehicle					\$
Vehicle					\$
Vehicle					\$
Trailer/Camper					\$
Equipment/Machinery					\$
Livestock					\$
Other					\$

LIVING EXPENSES

HOUSING/UTILITIES	PAID TO:	MONTHLY AMOUNT	COUNTY ALLOWABLE (to be filled in by staff)
Rent/Mortgage			
Space/Lot Rent			
Homeowner's Insurance			
Property Taxes			
Electricity (12 mo. avg. or level pay)			
Gas (12 mo. avg. or level pay)			
Water			
Garbage			
Sewer/Trash			
Phone (Basic service only)			
EDUCATION/JOB RELATED			
Child Care			
Car/Truck Payment			
Transportation/Auto Maintenance			
Auto Insurance			
School per child			
MEDICAL/HEALTH CARE			
Doctors			
Hospital			
Prescriptions			
Dental/Vision			
Health Insurance Premiums			
Other _			
HOUSEHOLD			
Groceries			
Non-food			
Cable TV/Satellite			
Court Ordered Child Support			
Credit Cards			
Clothing			
Laundry			

INCOME

EARNINGS	SOURCE		MONTHLY AMOUNT	
Gross Wages			\$	
Self-Employment Income			\$	
Severance Pay			\$	
Other:			\$	
UNEARNED INCOME	APPLIED FOR		RECEIVING	
	YES	NO	YOU	HOUSEHOLD MEMBER
Social Security			\$	\$
SSI			\$	\$
Child Support/Alimony			\$	\$
Rental Income			\$	\$
Divorce property settlement			\$	\$
Unemployment Benefit			\$	\$
Worker's Compensation			\$	\$
Veteran's Benefits			\$	\$
Retirement/Pension			\$	\$
Tribal Assistance			\$	\$
Educational Loans/Grants			\$	\$
Interest/Dividends			\$	\$
Inheritance			\$	\$
Lawsuit Settlement			\$	\$
Church Assistance			\$	\$
Food Stamps			\$	\$
Subsidized Housing/Utility			\$	\$
Energy Assistance			\$	\$
Income Tax Refunds/EIC			\$	\$
Subsidized Child Care			\$	\$
Sale of personal belongings			\$	\$
Sale of property (real/personal)			\$	\$
Other:			\$	\$

Name of Applicant: (print) _____

Name of Co-Applicant: (print) _____

RELEASE OF INFORMATION NON-MEDICAL COUNTY ASSISTANCE

In order to cooperate fully with the investigation and determination of my application for county non-medical assistance, I hereby authorize representatives from the Blaine County Indigent Services Department to discuss my application with and to secure information, data, copies and records from my relatives, bankers, credit unions, physicians, hospitals, creditors and any other persons or organizations including, but not limited to the State Department of Health and Welfare, Social Security Administration, all branches of the United States Military, Tribal Records, law enforcement agencies, courts, Idaho Department of Labor, or employers having any information concerning me or my circumstances that said county representative feels is pertinent to the investigation of my application.

I hereby authorize Blaine County to release to and exchange pertinent information regarding this application, the contents thereof and action taken thereon with all parties of interest, including, but not limited to those listed herein. I acknowledge that my application for assistance waives any and all confidentiality granted by state or federal law to the extent necessary to carry out the intent of Idaho Code Title 31 Chapter 34 regarding my application. I hereby authorize a copy of this agreement to be used when necessary and give it full force as the original.

I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time by submitting to the Blaine County Indigent Services Department a written document signed by me and notarized except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance on it, and that unless consent is sooner revoked, this release is valid as long as it is pertinent to this application. I also understand that if I revoke this consent, to the extent it prevents or substantially interferes with the completion of the investigation of my application, it may result in my application being denied.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Co-Applicant: _____ Date: _____

I UNDERSTAND THAT BY ACCEPTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNTY, I MAY BE REQUIRED TO REPAY THE COUNTY FOR ALL OR ANY PROTION OF EXPENSES PAID ON MY BEHALF AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By my signature I apply for county assistance and I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in my application for county assistance is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Co- Applicant

NOTARY

On this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

_____ personally appeared before me and proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is(are) subscribed to this instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she (they) executed the same.

S E A L

Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at:
My Commission Expires:

If you are submitting this application on behalf of a deceased person, please provide the following information:

Your name (please print):

Your address:

Your phone number:

Your relationship to the deceased:

Today's Date:

Your Signature

Reimbursement Agreement

I/We understand and agree to reimburse Blaine County, State of Idaho, for any expenses incurred for assistance that which has been requested on my/our behalf and received, heretofore or hereafter. I/We understand that reimbursement includes, but is not limited to my/our estate.

I/We agree to begin making **monthly payments** as determined by the Board of County Commissioners if my/our application is approved.

I/We agree to increase the rate of reimbursement or make lump sum payments consistent with any ability to pay when additional resources become available, including but not limited to yearly state and federal **tax refunds**.

I/We agree to immediately **notify** a representative of Blaine County Assistance of any subsequent change of circumstances relative to my/our application for county aid.

I/We acknowledge and understand that Blaine County may turn this reimbursement agreement over to its Collections Agency if I/We fail to make payments as required by this agreement.

I/We acknowledge that in accordance with Idaho Statute 31-3504(4) an automatic **lien** has been attached to all my/our real and personal property.

I/We also acknowledge that with regards to burial or cremation, Blaine County may place a **lien** against any real and personal property of the deceased.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Printed Name - Applicant

Printed Name – Co-Applicant

Signature - Applicant

Signature - Co-Applicant

*Failure to sign and return this form does not release you from your obligation to Blaine County