



Lutheran Family Services

of Nebraska, Inc.

CARES Response & Recovery (R&R)

What is CARES R&R Funding?

The CARES act funds allow LFS to serve individuals and families whose lives have been directly or indirectly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial assistance from this fund may be used to cover the following:

- Overdue rent or mortgage to avoid eviction or foreclosure
- Utility costs to prevent shutoff
- Basic needs items including groceries, formula, diapers, personal hygiene products, and household cleansers.
- Purchase of one smartphone and/or tablet per household to enable telehealth access or for school-aged youth to access online school platforms.



When will applications for CARES funding be accepted?

Intake applications for the first wave of screenings can be submitted starting on Monday, August 24th, 2020.

How can applications for CARES be submitted?

Intake applications can be submitted by your client directly or can be submitted by you on behalf of your client with their consent. The application can be completed [by following this link](#) or by calling the LFS CARES team at 1 (833) 566-0766.

What happens after an application is submitted?

An LFS CARES specialist will review the application, contact the client to verify their information and supporting documents, and will submit disbursement requests for the type of assistance needed by the client. This specialist may follow up with you regarding additional needs of the client or refer the client to resources related to behavioral health and/or employment services.

(See reverse for eligibility requirements)

Who Is Eligible?

To qualify, the individual requesting assistance must provide proof of legal status or citizenship in the U.S., must be a resident of Nebraska, and must be able to provide supporting documentation of Nebraska residency, legal U.S. residence/citizenship, and COVID-19 impact.

Additionally, the household will have to fall into at least one of the following categories:

1. Loss of employment due to changes in the workplace because of COVID-19.
2. Loss of income due to illness specific to COVID-19, of either self or a family member.
3. Loss of income due to a loss or reduction in unemployment benefits.
4. Due to a lack of income:
 - Inability to stay current with rent or mortgage payment causing a risk of eviction or homelessness
 - Inability to stay current paying utility bills causing risk off shut off
 - Inability to access necessary resources such as telehealth for medical or behavioral health due to lack of technology – either smartphone or tablet
 - Inability of adults or children to receive online education or training due to lack of technology
 - Inability to maintain enough food or necessities for the individual or family
 - Require short-term financial assistance
 - Lack essential items (food, clothing, shelter)
 - Have experienced COVID-19 related unemployment
 - Are experiencing poverty
 - Are facing mental health or substance abuse issues
 - Are experiencing language barriers
 - Are isolated and/or have limited access to services in remote areas of the state

If you have questions, please contact CARES@LFSneb.org

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