

TANF EMERGENCY CASH ASSISTANCE

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Beginning March 26, 2020, the Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) is making essential financial resources available to families that have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. Families can apply online (https://tdhs.service-now.com/relief?id=relief_registration) for up to two months of emergency cash assistance if they were employed as of March 11, 2020 and lost employment or at least 50% of their earned income as a result of the pandemic. Since all TDHS offices are operating by appointment only during this time, the application as well as uploading verification materials can all be completed online. Once both of those are submitted, there is no further action needed (applicants will not be required to go in for an interview). Applicants will receive a notification of denial or approval via email within 5 days. If approved, applicants can expect an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card to be sent within 5-7 days of approval via mail.

The Emergency Cash Assistance provides two monthly cash payments:

- **\$500 for a household of 1 to 2 persons.**
- **\$750 for a household of 3 to 4 persons.**
- **\$1000 for a household with 5 or more persons.**



This assistance is available in addition to any unemployment benefits individuals in the family may be receiving.

To be eligible, families must have been employed as of March 11, 2020 but have since then lost employment or at least 50% of their earned income due to the COVID-19 emergency, include a child under the age of 18 or a pregnant woman, have a valid Social Security Number, must not have resources exceeding \$2000, and the gross and/or unearned monthly income may not exceed 85% of the State's Median Income that's currently:

- Gross Monthly Income of \$2,696 for a household of 1.
- Gross Monthly Income of \$3,526 for a household of 2.
- Gross Monthly Income of \$4,356 for a household of 3.
- Gross Monthly Income of \$5,185 for a household of 4.
- Gross Monthly Income of \$6,015 for a household of 5.



Information gathered from: <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/news/2020/3/25/financial-aid-available-for-certain-families-that-lost-employment-due-to-covid-19.html>

This is a collaboration between the following offices and will be updated as soon as possible when new or additional information becomes available. Please submit any updates to Kimberly@MakeItInMcMinn.org

