



CRISIS SUPPLEMENTS

Crisis Supplements are additional funds that the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction's (MSDPR) may issue when an individual faces an **unexpected immediate need**. A crisis supplement is intended to aid the client in an emergency when all other resources have been exhausted.

Unexpected need: Sometimes sudden expenses come up which you did not budget for.

Who is Eligible?

Crisis supplements can be given to individuals or a family unit who are eligible for Income Assistance (IA), Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB), Persons with Disabilities (PWD), or Individuals on Hardship Assistance.

Immediate need: You are in emergency need of the item or need money to meet a food, shelter, or medical emergency.

Some crisis supplements that may be provided are:

- Clothing crisis supplement
- Food crisis supplement
- Shelter crisis supplement
- Essential Utilities Crisis Supplement
- Emergency Home Repairs Crisis Supplement

IMPORTANT: You **DO NOT** have to pay back a crisis supplements!

To Qualify for a Crisis Supplement

For all crisis supplements your situation must meet these requirements (and possible other requirements):

- It is an unexpected cost or the person needs to purchase an item unexpectedly and the following must apply:
 - No money is readily available for you to meet the need and if the need isn't met it will put you in fast-approaching danger to your physical health or a person in the family unit.
 - This crisis could end up resulting in the removal of a child under the Family and Community Service Act.

You will want to prepare to explain and show the Ministry how you meet these requirements. They will most likely ask a series of questions relating to the above when you request a crisis supplement.

Supplement Limits:

The Ministry **may** limit supplements by when they are given and what they are used for. A supplement may:

- Only be **given in the month** that the application was made in
- **Not** be given if it is going to be used to get health care goods, services, or Schedule C supplements (extended medical benefits for PPMB status, or PWD status)
- The total amount of crisis supplements in a 12 month period cannot be more than twice the amount of assistance you receive (with the exception of the emergency home repair/essential utilities crisis supplements)

Dollar Amount Limit on Crisis Supplements:

The Ministry also **restricts** the dollar amount of supplement that can be given for food, clothing and shelter. These are:

Type of Crisis Supplement	Maximum Amount
Food	\$20 per person per month
Clothing	\$100 per person per year Can have up to a maximum of 4 people (\$400 per year)
Shelter	Actual cost or up the maximum shelter allowance

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