

CRISIS SUPPLEMENTS

Crisis Supplements are additional funds that the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction (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.

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

Some crisis supplements that may be provided are:

- + Clothing
- + Food
- + Shelter
- + Essential Utilities
- + Emergency Home Repairs

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.

Source:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/general-supplements-and-programs/crisis-supplement>



UNEXPECTED NEED

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

IMMEDIATE NEED

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

IMPORTANT

You **DO NOT** have to pay back a crisis supplement!

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SUPPLEMENT LIMITS

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

- + Only be given in the month that the request 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)



DOLLAR AMOUNT LIMITS

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

TYPE OF CRISIS SUPPLEMENT	MAXIMUM AMOUNT
Food	\$40 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 to the maximum combined shelter and support rates, plus, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Parenting Assistance • Pre-Natal Shelter Supplement • CIC Temp Absence Assistance • Deceased Adjustment Supplement

NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN YOUR FAMILY						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
\$375	\$570	\$660	\$700	\$750	\$785	\$820