

FINANCIAL HELP AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE Updated May 5, 2020

FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY



Q. How do Stimulus Payments work and how do I receive them?

A. Everyone who makes up to \$75,000 a year and is not listed as a dependent on someone else's tax return will receive \$1,200 for themselves and \$500 per eligible child dependent (under age 17). Those who file a tax return or receive Social Security, SSI, SSDI, Railroad Retirement, or VA benefits will automatically get a payment. If you do not file a tax-return or receive the above benefits, you will need to provide information to the IRS to calculate your payment at: irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here. Recipients of the above benefits who do not file tax returns had to provide information to the IRS on any child dependents to get payments for those children (deadline was April 22nd for Social Security, SSDI & RR; and May 5th for SSI and VA beneficiaries). To provide the IRS with direct deposit information for your bank, Cash App, or PayPal, go to: irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment.

For help, contact Capital Area Asset Builders at (202) 419-1440.

PUBLIC BENEFITS



Q. I receive benefits like TANF, SNAP and Medicaid and my benefits are supposed to expire in May or June 2020. Do I have to recertify for my benefits to continue, and what about work requirements?

A. Your benefits will automatically continue and you don't have to recertify in May or June. TANF is not imposing sanctions for failure to complete work requirements. TANF orientation and training programs have been suspended. Also, SNAP customers not receiving the maximum benefit should continue to receive emergency SNAP allotments in May.

Q. Can I apply for TANF, SNAP, and Medicaid during the public health emergency?

A. Yes, you can download an application or apply online at dhs.dc.gov/service/apply-benefits. You also can pick up or drop off a completed application at one of the 3 open ESA Service Centers: H Street, Taylor Street, and Congress Heights. Interviews are being conducted by phone. For help, call the DHS Call Center at 202-727-5355.

Q. Can I apply or recertify for the Grandparent or Close Relative Caregiver Program subsidy during the public health emergency?

A. Although CFSA offices are closed to the public, you may still apply or recertify for the Grandparent and Close Relative Caregiver Program subsidies by going online at cfsa.dc.gov to download, print, complete, and email the application to cfsa.kinfirst@dc.gov. Once your application is complete, call 1-866-FAM-KIN1 to make an appointment to submit your application (if you did not email it) and for fingerprinting. Once approved, you can sign your subsidy agreement and pick up your debit card at CFSA at the same time. Recertifications are extended until 45-days after the end of the public health emergency. The 6-month eligibility period to apply for the subsidies has been permanently eliminated.

