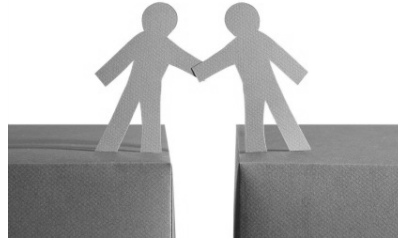


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Interim Assistance Program

Do you qualify for consideration?

- Is your income less than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines?
- Were you managing and then had something happen that caused your family to be in the current situation?
- Are you willing to work with supportive individuals to change?
- Are you willing to be open and honest?
- Can you see yourself being stable financially again in 3-6 months with some help?

If you answered yes to these questions, you may be eligible for consideration for interim assistance.

Goal of Interim Assistance

To come along side those experiencing a need that is greater than our regular emergency assistance provides in order to assist in the return to stability through relationship and showing the love of Christ Jesus.

The **Interim Assistance Program (IAP)** is designed to meet needs of individuals or families who have experienced a significant event causing a short-term need that requires more than our regular assistance provides.

This type of assistance is provided only once and is given over a three to six month period of time.



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Who qualifies for Interim Assistance?

Those who:

- Meet the qualifications of regular emergency assistance, but need more than that assistance provides.
- Have had a significant event that has caused the current situation.
- Are willing to partner with representatives of *The Bridge* over a period of 3-6 month to make change and return to stability.
- Complete the IAP process and are approved to receive the assistance.

What is required of the recipient(s)?

Commitment to:

- A 3-6 month partnership with *The Bridge*
- Talking regularly with a representative of *The Bridge*.
- Open and honest communication.
- Take time to consider how to accomplish goals.
- Follow-through with agreed upon actions.

What is required of *The Bridge* rep?

Commitment to:

- Pray every day for this situation.
- Regularly communicate with recipient.
- Come along side and assist as the program prescribes in this individual's/family's journey over 3-6 months.



Types of assistance which may be possible depending on the need and circumstances in the Interim Assistance Program are:

- Financial Assistance
- Budget Coaching
- Meals
- Housekeeping
- Transportation for Appointments/ Shopping/Errands
- Childcare
- Spiritual Support
- Marriage/Family Support
- Handyman
- Outdoor maintenance (Lawn care/Snow removal)
- Other services

How does it work?

- Potential cases are referred from a Voucher Writer or the Clearinghouse Coordinator to the Interim Assistance Coordinator (IAC) after completing the regular Emergency Assistance Application.
- The IAC meets with the individual/family to assess the situation, complete the IAP Application, and confirm willingness to be considered for the program by signing Part 1 of the IAP Agreement.
- If the IAC believes the case should be considered for the program and the necessary resources are available, approval is sought from 4 other people:
 - * 2 Bridge Officers
 - * Voucher Writer
 - * Bridge Board Member
- If approved and the individual/family agrees to participate, the IAC and member of a partner church meets with the individual/family to complete Part 2 & 3 of the IAP Agreement Form and Action Plan.
- The individual/family, IAC, and partner church all work together on the Action Plan lasting 3-6 months.
- Team regularly communicates during the 3-6 month plan.
- Once the goals have been met, the money and assistance has been exhausted, or there is non-compliance with the process, the case is closed.