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## Cash relief activated for Arapahoe County families in need of emergency assistance during COVID-19 outbreak

*Colorado Works Emergency Disaster Program deploys; families encouraged to apply*

Aurora, Colo. – Arapahoe County families experiencing economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic may qualify for short-term financial assistance to help them through the crisis.

Beginning immediately, families may apply for the Colorado Works County Emergency Disaster Program through [Colorado PEAK](#), an online service that allows qualified Coloradans to screen and apply for medical, food, cash and early childhood assistance.

### Eligibility

- Family's annual gross income must be below \$75,000 combined
- The household must contain at least one child age 18 or younger
- Family must present a significant need for services directly related to the COVID-19 emergency
- Family must be legally present in the U.S.

Assistance may include, but is not limited to, the following types:

- Purchase or lease of shelter
- Home renovations (within existing footprint)
- Transportation (including car repairs and purchase)
- Non-covered medical expenses
- Work-related supplies that were lost or damaged
- Counseling services
- Non-medical mental health services

Eligible families may receive funds the same day they apply. Benefits are issued directly to an EBT card or to a bank account.

### **How to apply**

Visit Colorado PEAK, [www.Colorado.gov/PEAK](http://www.Colorado.gov/PEAK), and click on “apply for benefits” to access the online portal. Follow the prompts to create an account using a valid email, or apply as a guest if email isn’t available.

Once an account is created, Colorado PEAK will ask which benefit programs you are applying to; based on the information provided, families may qualify for additional public assistance.

Arapahoe County residents may email [ColoradoWorksDisasterProgram@arapahogov.com](mailto:ColoradoWorksDisasterProgram@arapahogov.com) for additional inquiries during this time as the County continues to provide support while County facilities closed to the public.

### **About the program**

The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Economic Security, has deployed the Colorado Works County Emergency Disaster Program in response to state and local declaration of emergency.

Colorado’s 64 counties administer the Colorado Works Program locally within their departments of human or social services. The program serves approximately 15,300 households statewide each month.

### **Additional resources**

[Accessing public assistance services during COVID-19 outbreak](#) – posted March 13, 2020

Almost all the correspondence you have with Arapahoe County Human Services—including questions, updates on cases, delivery of documents and general information—can be addressed by accessing the Colorado Program Eligibility and Application Kit (PEAK) at [www.Colorado.gov/PEAK](http://www.Colorado.gov/PEAK). Learn about the public assistance program, complete an application and manage benefits that impact your family:

- [Colorado Child Care Assistance Program](#)
- [Financial \(CASH\) assistance](#)
- [Food assistance](#)
- [Heat and energy assistance](#)
- [Medical assistance](#)

Colorado PEAK is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on your smartphone, tablet or computer. The state portal is safe and secure, which means your personal information is protected.

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