



HOCKLEY COUNTY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE



GUIDELINES FOR ASSISTANCE

Hockley County provides financial assistance for rent, electricity, gas, and propane. All assistance is based on financial eligibility. To determine eligibility, applicants must provide all required documentation

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

The Public Assistance Office will make copies of documentation as needed.

1. Driver's License for all adults in the household.
 2. Social Security Card for all adults in the household.
 3. Written verification of all benefits received in the last 30 days. This includes SNAP, TANF, WIC, SOCIAL SECURITY, VA BENEFITS, WORKER'S COMP, and HOUSING ASSISTANCE.
 4. Verification of **all income** received in the past 30 days. (Pay stubs, Employment Verification Form, Attorney General Statement of Child Support, Verification of Child Support Form.
 5. Bank Statement or Online Banking apps showing all transactions for the past 30 days.
 6. For Utility Assistance we need your most recent utility bill.
 7. For Rental Assistance, we need a receipt showing rent payment from the previous month.
 8. For Rental Assistance- Rent Due Notice completed and signed by the landlord.
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- Guidelines for eligibility are established by the *Hockley County Commissioners Court*.
- Income limits are based on the *Federal Poverty Income Limits* set by the Federal government.
- Hockley County **does not** pay late fees, re-connect fees or deposits.
- Hockley County **does not** provide assistance for disconnected accounts.
- Utility bills and rent cannot be delinquent for more than one month.
- All payments will be paid directly to the utility company or landlord.
- Individuals may apply for assistance up to two (2) times per calendar year with a mandatory ninety (90) days in between requests for assistance.
- The maximum amount paid for utility is **\$100**.
- The maximum amount paid for rent is **\$200**.
- If you are already receiving housing assistance, you cannot receive rental assistance through Hockley County.
- If you are receiving utility assistance through another agency (SPCAA, Salvation Army, Texas Utility Assistance, etc.), you cannot receive assistance for the same utility.
- If a household cannot provide proof of income for the past 30 days, at least one adult in the household must provide proof that they have enrolled at the Texas Workforce Commission.
- Partial payments are not allowed for properties in the process of Eviction.
- **Hockley County Public Assistance is the payor of last resort. Individuals must seek assistance from other agencies first and provide proof of denial before applying for assistance through Hockley County.**

2026 Federal Poverty Income Limits (FPIL)

Number in household	INDIGENT HEALTHCARE		PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY	
	21% Annual Income	21% Monthly Income	100% Annual Income	100% Monthly Income	125% Annual Income	125% Monthly Income
1	\$ 3,352.00	\$ 279.00	\$ 15,950.00	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 19,950.00	\$ 1,663.00
2	\$ 4,544.00	\$ 379.00	\$ 21,640.00	\$ 1,803.00	\$ 27,050.00	\$ 2,254.00
3	\$ 5,737.00	\$ 478.00	\$ 27,320.00	\$ 2,277.00	\$ 34,150.00	\$ 2,846.00
4	\$ 6,930.00	\$ 578.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 41,250.00	\$ 3,438.00
5	\$ 8,123.00	\$ 677.00	\$ 38,680.00	\$ 3,223.00	\$ 48,350.00	\$ 4,029.00
6	\$ 9,316.00	\$ 776.00	\$ 44,360.00	\$ 3,697.00	\$ 55,450.00	\$ 4,620.00
7	\$ 10,580.00	\$ 876.00	\$ 50,040.00	\$ 4,170.00	\$ 62,550.00	\$ 5,213.00
8	\$ 11,701.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 55,720.00	\$ 4,643.00	\$ 69,650.00	\$ 5,804.00
For each additional person	Add \$1,193.00	Add \$99.00	Add \$5,690.00	Add \$474.00	Add \$7,100.00	Add \$592.00