



CRISIS SUPPLEMENT

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Crisis Supplements are additional funds that the Ministry of Social Development & Social Innovation (MSDSI) may issue when an individual faces an **unexpected emergency need**. A crisis supplement is intended to aid the client in an emergency when all other resources have been exhausted.

When you are applying for a Crisis Supplement, it's important to note that you have **NO** money to pay for the needed items, you **CANNOT** get them from other sources, and you **NEED** them right away.

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. A list of current crisis supplements that may be provided are:

- Clothing crisis supplement
- Food crisis supplement
- Shelter crisis supplement

To Qualify for a Crisis Supplement

Your situation must meet these 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*.

It is a good idea to explain to 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.

Supplement Limits:

The Ministry **may** limit supplements by when they are given and what they are used for.

Here is a list of the limits.

A supplement may:

- Only be **given in the month** that the application 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 Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB) status, or Person with Disabilities (PWD) status).



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Dollar Amount Limit on Crisis Supplements:

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

These are:

Type of Crisis Supplement	Maximum Amount
Food	Up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20.00 per person per month
Clothing	Up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100.00 per person per year Can have up to a maximum of 4 people (per year)
Shelter	Restricted to the actual cost, up the maximum shelter allowance
Annual Maximum	The total amount of crisis supplements in a 12 month period cannot be more than twice the amount of assistance you receive

IMPORTANT: You **DO NOT** have to pay back a crisis supplements!

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