

Longview Community Ministries Guidelines for Services (All Services for Longview Zip Codes ONLY)

~ FOOD BOX ~

Longview Community Ministries (LCM) provides emergency food once monthly to families in need. The goal of the food box is fighting hunger, thus only proof of Longview residence is required.

~ DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE~

- Photo id (for head of household)
 - Proof of income/assistance for entire household
 - Social Security cards for all members of household
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~ RENTAL ASSISTANCE ~

Funding for emergency rental assistance is limited. Families must have LCM documentation completed by their landlord/owner prior to coming in for an interview. IHAP (4 month rental assistance with LCM class requirements) rental assistance may be available two years after emergency rental assistance. **Families receiving subsidized city housing, living in tax credit properties or paying rent that is less than market value (rent based on income) are not eligible.*

~ UTILITY ASSISTANCE ~

LCM offers financial assistance to help pay utilities for families in crisis. These funds are available to those who have a bill within five days of the due date or disconnect date. Utility assistance is provided with proof of payment for the remainder of bill. Assistance may be for electricity (\$100 max), water (\$50 max), gas (\$50 max) and spaced at least two months apart. Utility assistance is limited to a maximum of 3 assists per utility (every 2 years), for a total of 9 utility assists in a lifetime. The bill must be presented, and must be in the name of the person requesting the assistance. Attendance of LCM's financial management classes is required after the 2nd and 3rd utility assistance, in order to receive further financial assistance of any kind.

~PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE~ (No pain or mood altering medications.)

LCM may provide assistance for medication for an acute illness. Prescription assistance is limited to a maximum of \$100 per household every two months. Attendance of LCM's Medication Education class is required after a 2nd Rx assistance, in order receive continued Rx assistance. Rx assistance may resume after completion of required class.

~DENTAL~

Each adult in a household may receive one dental extraction every two years.

~MEDICAL~

Screenings for blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, thyroid, asthma/COPD/bronchitis, obesity.

~SPECIAL NEEDS~

Items such as steel toed boots, birth certificates, or other work related necessities may be provided with appropriate documentation from employers. Transportation provided for documented out of town medical appointments. Also, fans and heaters for elderly (65+) or disabled, and families with children 12 years or younger may be available every two years.

~Other Services Available~

Meals on Wheels – hot meals delivered daily to elderly/disabled/shut-ins.

Learning Lab – classes designed to help fight poverty and improve circumstances.
