How to Apply for Financial Hardship



If you receive a public assistance benefit

your electric or gas service may be protected from shut off from November 1 to May 1 through Winter Protection, and you may qualify for other assistance programs.

If you don't receive a public assistance benefit

and your household income is at or below 60% of the State Median, you may provide proof of income to see if you qualify. (See Federal Income Guidelines on page 2.)

You must confirm receipt of a public assistance benefit for at least one person in your household or provide proof of income for all adults over 18 years. You may submit your documents securely in several ways:

- Contact your local Community Action Agency.
 Visit 211ct.org or call 211. Your local agency can also help you apply for other assistance, including the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).
- Log on to your account at eversource.com and select Upload Documents in the menu on the bottom of the page to securely submit your documents.
- Send via U.S.P.S. mail at Eversource, Attn: Credit Dept., P.O. Box 270, Hartford, CT 06141.
- Fax to 866-438-6476.

| Public Assistance Benefits | Documentation |
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| Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) | CEAP award letter |
| Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/ Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) | Public assistance benefit letter |
| Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/ Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) | |
| State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) | |
| Department of Social Services State Cash Assistance, State Supplement | |
| Women Infants and Children (WIC) | |
| Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) | |
| Medicaid or Access Health; HUSKY A, B, C, D | |
| Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) | |
| Refugee Cash Assistance and Refugee Medical Assistance | |
| Head Start | |
| Connecticut free or reduced lunch program | |
| Financial Support from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs | Benefit letter or copy of most recent bank statement showing direct deposit with receipt of benefits |
| Section 8 Housing, Rental Assistance Program | Housing contract; voucher |



| Proof of Income for Adults Over 18 | Documentation |
|---|---|
| Unemployment | Unemployment benefit letter or most recent bank statement showing direct deposit with receipt of benefits |
| Employment | Weekly – Last four consecutive pay stubs Bi-weekly – Last two consecutive pay stubs Last monthly pay stub |
| Self-Employment | Most recent 1099 tax form |
| Social Security, child support, pension, retirement, or other | Benefit letter Most recent bank statement showing direct deposit with receipt of benefits Documents showing that your sole source of income is from Social Security, such as a Social Security budget sheet |

2023-2024 FEDERAL INCOME GUIDELINES How much money can you make to be at or below 60% of the state median?

Household Size 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Income Level Up To \$41,553 \$54,338 \$67,124 \$79,910 \$92,695 \$105,481 \$107,878 \$110,275

WE'RE HERE TO HELP:

You may also submit other public assistance benefits or proof of income not listed above. For questions, please call us at 800-286-2828.