

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 84-1

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WHEREAS, pursuant to article 17 of title 30, C.R.S. 1973, the provision of temporary general assistance to the poor is an optional undertaking of each county in the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County on October 29, 1981, adopted an Ordinance to undertake a temporary general assistance program for the poor in El Paso County within the limited financial resources available; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners now wishes to amend the program of temporary general assistance, and to adopt new standards and guidelines to the administration of this program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County that the following standards and guidelines are hereby established for the temporary general assistance program in El Paso County, Colorado, to be effective upon the approval after second reading and final approval of this Ordinance;

1. Declaration. It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to article 17 of title 30, C.R.S. 1973, as amended, to enact a temporary general assistance program within El Paso County and to provide a means of temporary general assistance for residents and non-residents of El Paso County on a short term emergency basis. Such temporary general assistance is necessarily restricted by the limited ability of the Board of County Commissioners to make appropriations therefor.

2. Application Process.

a. Application for temporary assistance may be made at the El Paso County Department of Social Services.

b. Applicants must apply for and make use of all other federal, state, and local assistance programs prior to receiving temporary assistance.

c. A completed application for categorical assistance may be used in conjunction with the application for temporary assistance.

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d. All material submitted and statements made in support of an application for temporary assistance are subject to verification and/or documentation.

e. Applications of temporary assistance will be processed within five (5) working days of the date of application.

3. Eligibility Requirements. Applicants must be: (a) Head of household with dependent children under age 18; or (b) 65 or more years of age; or (c) have a physical or mental impairment which prevents him from providing for his own financial support. Applicants must have exhausted all personal and household resources, exclusive of necessary clothing and household articles and one automobile per household, if valued under \$1,500.00.

4. Types of Temporary Assistance.

a. Transportation to an out-of-county destination may be provided, on a one-time only basis, to eligible applicants for one or more of the following reasons:

- i. Returning to county of residence; or
- ii. Headed toward a confirmed offer of employment, or
- iii. Headed toward relatives for the purpose of seeking assistance.

Such transportation assistance may take the form of either bus tickets or gasoline. Under no circumstances will money be given directly to the Temporary Assistance recipient. It should be understood that assistance provided by the County may not, necessarily, enable the recipient to reach his final destination.

b. Other needs such as emergency medical treatment, prescriptions, food, clothing, and in-county transportation are generally not directly provided for by the County; however, applicants for these types of assistance may be referred to other public or private agencies, with which the County may or may not have made previous contractual arrangements. In such cases, the particular agency to which the client is referred shall be solely responsible for determining eligibility and providing assistance, if any.

c. Whenever possible, payment for any assistance provided by the County shall be made directly to the vendor.

5. Limitations to Assistance.

- a. In no event shall payment of temporary assistance benefits exceed, in the aggregate, the appropriation made by the Board of County Commissioners for Temporary Assistance Account.
- b. No individual or household shall be given out-of-county transportation assistance more than once.
- c. No Temporary Assistance shall be authorized in cases where credit can be extended to the applicant by the vendor.

6. Repayment of Temporary Assistance.

- a. The cost of all Temporary Assistance is to be reimbursed to the County by the recipient.
- b. In the case of Public Assistance recipients, Temporary Assistance benefits are to be repaid from the retro-active grant payment and, if necessary, additional payments are to be made monthly.
- c. In the event a recipient of Temporary Assistance fails to make arrangements for repayment, the County may, at its discretion, pursue whatever collection procedures it deems to be appropriate.

7. Appeals. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions made with regard to their individual cases. All appeals shall be made to the Director of Social Services.

8. Burial Expenses. Pursuant to section 30-17-104, C.R.S. 1973, as amended, El Paso County shall provide for the decent burial of any person who dies within El Paso County and who does not leave sufficient funds for such burial, and whose family is financially unable to provide for such burial or cannot be contacted within a reasonable time.

9. Severability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any individual shall to any extent be declared by any Court to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of such provision to individuals or circumstances other than those to which it is invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each provision of this Ordinance shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

10. Effective Date. This Ordinance is necessary to the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and shall be effective upon adoption.

11. Repeal Clause. Ordinance No. 81-1, adopted October 29, 1981, is hereby repealed.

Ordained this 1st day of March, 1984, at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

Donis Hardy
Deputy County Clerk

By: *[Signature]*
Chairman

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing El Paso County Ordinance No. 84-1 was introduced and read at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on February 16, 1984, that said Ordinance was passed at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County held on the first day of March, 1984, and that the same was published in full in the Colorado Springs Sun, a newspaper published and in general circulation in El Paso County on February 19, 1984, at least ten days before passage of this ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I here unto set my hand and affix the Seal of El Paso County this 1st day of March, 1984.



Doris Hardy

DORIS HARDY
Deputy County Clerk