



Hockley County Public Assistance Guidelines

Eligibility for Public Assistance is based on a household income. Countable income is defined as: Monies available to the household in the thirty-day period prior to the deadline date as determined by the Public Assistance Office. Countable income includes but may not be limited


- Earned Income
- Retirement/Pension
- Child Support
- Food Stamps
- Social Security
- Unemployment
- Bank Accounts/Cash App Accounts
- Other unearned income
- Contributions
- Worker's Compensation
- TANF
- Utility Reimbursements

The base amount for determining public assistance eligibility is 100% of the Federal Poverty Income Limits (FPIL) which are recorded in the Federal Register.

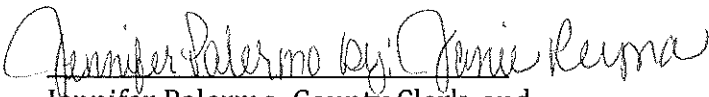
| 2025 Federal Poverty Income Limits (FPIL) (Department of Health & Human Services-January 2025) | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Number of people in household | 100% Annual Income Limit | 100% Monthly Income Limit |
| 1 | \$ 15,650.00 | \$ 1,304.00 |
| 2 | \$ 21,150.00 | \$ 1,762.50 |
| 3 | \$ 26,650.00 | \$ 2,220.00 |
| 4 | \$ 32,150.00 | \$ 2,679.00 |
| 5 | \$ 37,650.00 | \$ 3,137.50 |
| 6 | \$ 43,150.00 | \$ 3,596.00 |
| 7 | \$ 48,650.00 | \$ 4,054.00 |
| 8 | \$ 54,150.00 | \$ 4,512.50 |
| For each additional person | Add \$ \$5500.00 | Add \$ \$458.50 |

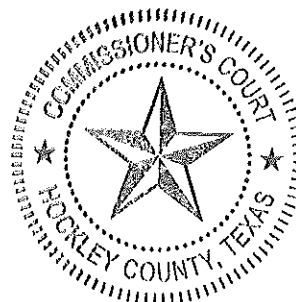
The 2025 Public Assistance Guidelines are posted on the **Public Information Board** inside the Hockley County Courthouse.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, this 3rd day of February 2025.


Judge Sharla Baldrige
Hockley County, Texas

ATTEST:


Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and
Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court
Hockley County, Texas





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GUIDELINES FOR ASSISTANCE



Note: Hockley County provides assistance based on financial eligibility for **RENT, ELECTRICITY, GAS and PROPANE**. Below are the required documents needed to apply for Public Assistance.

When you have ALL the required documents, call 806-894-4264 to make an appointment to submit an application for assistance.

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 Cash app showing all transactions for the past 30 days.
 6. **UTILITY ASSISTANCE ONLY:** Current utility bill.
 7. **RENTAL ASSISTANCE ONLY:** Receipt showing rent payment from the previous month.
 8. **RENTAL ASSISTANCE ONLY:** Rent Due Notice completed and signed by the landlord.
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GUIDELINES

- 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 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 receiving housing assistance (HUD Section 8 or Levelland Housing Authority, Salvation Army, etc.), 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 utility covered by that assistance.
- 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.**