

## Township Assistance

Every township in Indiana has a trustee who helps people during tough times. If you're behind on rent, facing a utility shutoff, or can't afford food or basic needs, you may qualify for help.



## Types of Help

- Rent
- Utilities
- Food
- Medical needs
- Clothing
- School supplies
- Transportation
- Other emergencies

## Get Help

1. Find your trustee's office. It must be in the township where you live
2. Bring paperwork like proof of income or job loss, rent or utility bills

The trustee must decide on your application within 3 business days, or sooner in emergencies.

If they deny your application, they must tell you why in writing and explain how to appeal.

# IF YOU'RE DENIED HELP, DON'T GIVE UP!

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## If you are Denied

- Ask for a written denial notice
- Ask for an appeal by mail or in person
- Act fast: You only have 15 days to file an appeal

A hearing will be scheduled within 10 days with your county commissioners

## Common Problems

### **“I can't get an appointment!”**

The law says you always have a right to apply for help when you need it. You can't be told you have to wait weeks or months to apply

### **“I was told I wasted money.”**

Trustees sometimes deny help for spending money on food delivery or ride shares. Explain why those decisions were best for you and appeal if needed.

## Get Help

You may be able to get free legal help from Indiana Legal Services

📞 Call: 1-800-869-0212

🌐 Visit: [www.indianalegalservices.org](http://www.indianalegalservices.org)

