



News Release

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Mesa County Department of Human Services Announces Release of Colorado Works (TANF) Declared Emergency Program

Funds will be available to individuals and families if they meet Colorado Works criteria

Mesa County, CO - The Colorado Works Emergency Disaster Program is a resource that is made available when Counties and/or States declare a state of emergency. Recently, in response to the COVID-19 virus, Governor Polis declared a state wide state of emergency.

These disaster assistance funds are used as a last resort, which includes the exhaustion of Unemployment Insurance. An example, in this case, would be loss of wages due to business closure. If that person is eligible for unemployment then they would need to exhaust those benefits before accessing these emergency funds

Assistance may include, but is not limited to the following types of assistance: purchase or lease of temporary shelter; transportation; loss of wages; childcare; food; essential household goods; counseling services; non-covered medical expenses; non-covered medical mental health services.

Families have to meet TANF criteria; which is having or caring for a child in their home, less than \$75,000 in household income and be lawfully present in the United States. Eligible families may qualify for up to \$5,000 in assistance per household. The TANF Emergency Disaster Program funds are limited. Eligibility and total amount received is at the discretion of the Mesa County Department of Human Services.

For more information, please follow the link to our website at www.humanservices.mesacounty.us.

“The Mission of Mesa County Department of Human Services is to help individuals and families achieve safety, stabilization, and opportunity for meaningful employment.”