

# PROGRAM MANUAL

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# Manual Summary

Global Blessing, Inc.

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## Brief

This document serves to detail the programs developed through Global Blessing, Inc. to further the mission and goal to reduce elder impoverishment, homelessness, and housing insecurity. This manual assists all Global Blessing, Inc. personnel and its supporters in obtaining a consistent understanding in which the nonprofit operates to achieve its mission and goals.

# About Us

Established in 2020, Global Blessing is a nonprofit serving low income seniors by doing our best to help them age gracefully in place. Through our financial programs, strategic community partnerships, and resource education and connection services, we exist to provide the metro Atlanta community the services needed to better help our residents live life comfortably.



## Mission

The mission of Global Blessing, Inc. is to work with communities to help reduce housing insecurity and homelessness within the senior citizen population to provide a stable, quality standard of living.

## Who We Serve

Global Blessing, Inc serves the low income senior population aged 55+ and their families in the metro Atlanta area counties of Gwinnett, Cobb, Fulton, and Forsyth.

## Program List

- Emergency Rental Assistance
- Caregiver Wellness Day Program
- Seniors at-home Utility Assistance
- Seniors at-home Housing Repair Financial Assistance



# 01. Emergency Rental Assistance

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Emergency Rental Assistance is a temporary supplemental rental assistance program for low-income seniors needing financial assistance with rental payments.

## Who Qualifies

- Seniors age 65+
- Qualify for VA assistance or are low income
- Financial caretaker of a senior living within residence
- Need emergency assistance
- Proof of residence
- Valid United States ID
- Reside in the metro Atlanta area

## Details

- Maximum potential assistance of \$1,500
- Must provide estimate of monthly income and sources of income
- Offered March - September
- Subject to availability and first come first serve waitlist
- One-time application approval per 365-day period

This program serves as emergency assistance to seniors facing times of temporary economic hardship such as sudden medical expenses, economic changes, or transitioning/downsizing living situations. These transitions are often accompanied by a sudden increase in financial obligation, so to help lessen the burden, this program serves to supplement the costs for up to \$500 monthly in a 90-day period to low-income seniors. For individuals that qualify for government assistance but have not begun the process, these supplemental payments will take effect during the application process.

To view your Medicaid eligibility, visit the link provided here:

<https://medicaid.georgia.gov/how-apply/basic-eligibility>

To view the Medicaid application process, visit the link provided here:

<https://georgia.gov/apply-medicaid>

To view the VA application process, visit the link provided here:

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/Applying.asp>

For assistance with the VA application process, visit the link provided here:

<https://www.patriotangels.com/>

## 02. Caregiver Wellness Day Program

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Caregiver Wellness Day Program is a one-time financial assistance to informal caregivers, such as family members, friends, POAs, etc., to cover costs associated with respite care or day care for their senior loved ones for up to 5 days to allow space for a mental and emotional break associated with caring obligations that can contribute to caregiver burnout.

### Who Qualifies

- Seniors age 55+
- Informal caregiver to a senior
  - Relative
  - Friend
  - Power of Attorney (POA)
  - Private caregiver
- Reside in the metro Atlanta area

### Details

- Respite or day care financial assistance up to \$100 for five (5) days
- Offered March - September
- Subject to availability and first come first serve waitlist
- One-time application approval per 365-day period

This program serves to aid the issue of caregiver burnout by providing relief to informal and formal caregivers of seniors. Through this program, caregivers will be able to temporarily place their senior loved ones in a senior care facility where they can be assured all their needs will be met. This program allots time back to caregivers to take care of themselves by engaging in stress relief activities, visiting extended family or friends, travelling, resting their bodies, or more.

To qualify for this program, caregivers must be able to provide the following:

- Proof of care for senior
  - Dependency claim
  - Proof of residence
- Contact information for senior care facility
  - Point of contact
  - Address
  - Phone Number
  - Respite or day care unsigned contract with total number of days and charge/day

For more information on Caregiver Burnout, visit the link provided here:

[John Hopkins Medicine - Causes and Symptoms of Caregiver Burnout](#)

For information on how to avoid Caregiver Burnout or cope, visit the link provided here:

[AARP - How to Avoid Caregiver Burnout and Manage Stress](#)

## 03. Seniors at Home Utility Assistance

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Seniors at Home Utility Assistance is a one-time emergency financial assistance with utility costs for seniors living at home on fixed incomes.

### Who Qualifies

- Senior age 55+ occupying the place of residence
- Financial caretaker of a senior living within residence
- Low income or fixed income
- Reside in the metro Atlanta area

### Details

- Emergency 1-month utility assistance for one (1) utility cost
- \$500 maximum
- Offered year round
- Subject to availability and first come first serve waitlist
- One-time application approval per 365-day period

This program serves to provide a financial relief to seniors living at home by assisting with the cost of a utility that they may not be able to cover that month due to other unexpected costs. To qualify for this program, seniors or those financially responsible for a senior must be able to provide the following:

- Proof of residence (if senior applying for self) or
- Proof of senior permanently living within residence
  - Visitation and assessment required
- A utility bill
  - Water
  - Heating/Cooling
  - Electricity/gas
  - Trash/recycling
  - Landline phone
  - Internet/cable

For more information on utility assistance programs provided in the state of Georgia, visit the link provided here:

[Ga Public Service Commission - Utility Assistance Programs](#)

# 04. Seniors at Home Housing Repair Financial Assistance

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Seniors at Home Housing Repair Financial Assistance is a one-time emergency financial assistance for seniors living at home in need of immediate repairs to continue living in their current place of residence.

## Who Qualifies

- Senior age 55+ occupying the home place of residence
- Financial caretaker of a senior living within residence
- Low income or fixed income
- Reside in the metro Atlanta area
- Must be a residence where residence upgrades requiring construction are permissible

## Details

- Maximum potential assistance of \$1,500
- Two (2) year period between subsequent applications
- March - September
- Subject to availability and first come first serve waitlist

This program serves to assist senior residents to age in place by aiding in emergency costs of living such as housing repairs that can act to remove seniors from their current residence in turn adding stress. Qualifying home repairs include:

- Roofing replacement or repair
- Water Damage
- Mold Removal
- HVAC Replacement
- Foundation Issues
- Flooring Repairs
- Unsafe Electrical
- Handicap Accessibility
- Plumbing Problems
- Correct Code Violations

To qualify for the program, applicants must be able to provide:





- Proof of residence and homeownership (for senior representing self)
- Proof of senior permanently living within residence
  - Visitation and assessment required

For more information on available GA home repair grants, visit the link provided here:

[81+ Georgia Grants for Home Repairs and Improvements](#)



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