



MAINE TOWNSHIP GENERAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

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I. Background

The Illinois Township Code authorizes Maine Township (the “Township”) to expend Township funds directly or to enter into any cooperative agreement or contract with any other governmental entity, not-for-profit corporation, non-profit community service association, or any for-profit daycare facility licensed under the Child Care Act of 1969, to provide various services to the residents of the township. 60 ILCS 1/85-13(a).

The Illinois Public Aid Code authorizes the Township to provide assistance under its General Assistance program for a service that complies with Section 85-13 of the Township Code in accordance with this adopted Policy. 305 ILCS 5/6-11a.

II. Eligible Services

The Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees find that it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to provide assistance under its General Assistance program for all services under Section 85-13 (“Eligible Services”), which are as follows:

- (1) Ordinary and necessary maintenance and operating expenses for the following:
 - (A) Public safety (including law enforcement, fire protection, and building code enforcement).
 - (B) Environmental protection (including sewage disposal, sanitation, and pollution abatement).
 - (C) Public transportation (including transit systems, paratransit systems, and streets and roads).
 - (D) Health, including mental, behavioral, eye, dental, or other healthcare.
 - (E) Recreation.
 - (F) Libraries.
 - (G) Social services for the poor and aged.

- (2) Ordinary and necessary capital expenditures authorized by law.
- (3) Development and retention of business, industrial, manufacturing, and tourist facilities within the township. 60 ILCS 1/85-13(a).

The Township shall be authorized under this Policy to expend funds under its General Assistance program for the Eligible Services either by directly expending funds or by entering into any cooperative agreement or contract with any other governmental entity, not-for-profit corporation, non-profit community service association, or any for-profit daycare facility licensed under the Child Care Act of 1969.