

FACT SHEET

Disability Financial Assistance

Ohio's Disability Financial Assistance Program is a safety net for needy individuals who do not meet all of the eligibility requirements necessary to receive help from other federal and state benefit programs, such as Supplemental Security Income and Ohio Works First. Eligibility is determined by county departments of job and family services based on Ohio Administrative Code rules.

Who is eligible?

Eligible individuals include:

- Individuals who are determined by ODJFS to be disabled, or
- Individuals who were at least 60 years of age and in receipt of Disability Financial Assistance in June 2003.

In order to receive assistance, the individual or family must meet all eligibility requirements, including income and resource criteria. For example, regardless of its size, a family cannot have resources that exceed \$1,000. The maximum cash benefit is \$115 per month for one person and \$159 per month for two people.

How can I apply?

There are three ways to apply:

- You can apply online at <https://odjfsbenefits.ohio.gov>.
- You can fill out a "Request for Cash, Food and Medical Assistance" (JFS 7200) form and submit it to your county agency. You can get the form at <http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/inter.asp> or by visiting your county agency. You can find the address and phone number of your county agency at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/county/cntydir.stm> or by looking in the county government section of your phone book. Some county agencies have multiple locations so make sure to call first to find the location nearest you.
- You may also file the application through your local Ohio Benefit Bank site. The Ohio Benefit Bank helps low- and moderate-income Ohioans apply for work supports such as tax credits and public benefits. To find the Ohio Benefit Bank site nearest you and to get more information, go to www.ohiobenefits.org