

## Longview Community Ministries Guidelines for Services (All Services for Longview Zip Codes ONLY)

### ~ FOOD BOX ~

Longview Community Ministries (LCM) provides emergency food once monthly to families in need. The goal of the food box is fighting hunger, thus only proof of Longview residency is required.

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### ~ DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE~

- \* Photo ID (for head of household)
  - \* Proof of income/assistance for entire household
  - \* Social Security cards for all members of household
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### ~ RENTAL ASSISTANCE ~

-Emergency rental assistance is limited to 1 time per household. Families must have LCM documentation completed by their landlord/owner/mortgage holder prior to coming in for an interview. Assistance is \$200 to \$300. ER is available every 5 years.

*\*Families receiving subsidized city housing, living in tax credit properties or paying rent that is paying less than market value (rent based on income) are not eligible for either program. Ask your landlord if this applies to you.*

### ~ UTILITY ASSISTANCE ~

LCM offers financial assistance to help pay utilities for families in crisis. These funds are available to those who have a bill within five days of the due date or disconnect date. Utility assistance is provided with proof of payment for the remainder of the bill (cash or receipt of payment). Must provide the latest, most recent bill your utility company has generated in order to be considered for assistance. Assistance may be for electricity (\$100 max), water (\$50 max), and gas (\$50 max) and spaced at least two months apart for different utilities. Same utilities must be spaced 2 years apart. Utility assistance is limited to a maximum of 3 assists per utility (every 2 years), for a total of 9 utility assists in a lifetime. The bill must be presented, and must be in the name of the person requesting the assistance. Attendance of LCM's financial management classes is required after the 2<sup>nd</sup> utility assistance, and every time utility assistance is provided thereafter, in order to receive further financial assistance of any kind.

### ~PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE~ (No pain or mood altering medications.)

LCM may provide assistance for medication for an acute illness. Prescription assistance is limited to a maximum of \$100 per household every two months. Attendance of LCM's Medication Education class is required after a 2<sup>nd</sup> Rx assistance, in order receive continued Rx assistance. Going forward, one class per year is required if prescription assistance continues.

### ~DENTAL~

Each adult in a household may receive one dental extraction every two years.

### ~MEDICAL~

Screenings for blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, thyroid, asthma/COPD/bronchitis, obesity

### ~SPECIAL NEEDS~

ID's, driver's licenses, birth certificates, or work related necessities may be provided with appropriate documentation from employers. Gas vouchers available/household, every 2 years City of Longview bus passes for documented medical appointments. Also, fans and heaters for elderly (65+) or disabled, and families with children 12 years or younger may be available every two years. Non-working fans and heaters cannot be returned or replaced by LCM.

### ~Other Services Available~

Meals With Love – hot meals delivered daily to elderly/disabled/shut-ins.

Learning Lab – classes designed to help fight poverty and improve circumstances.