

# Outreach

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The client must be homeless and must be disabled to be eligible for this program. Some services provided by this program include two year housing subsidies and supportive services.

### DHS Homeless Prevention Program

The client must be homeless, in imminent danger of eviction, or in a temporary economic crisis to qualify for this program. Rent arrearage is the service provided.

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### Community Services Block Grant

#### OSBG Scholarship Program

The CSBG Scholarship Program is available to eligible youth and adults who are or will be attending an Illinois College, University, or Community College as a full time student (12 credit hours or more). Applicants must have at least a (C) grade point average. Grades must be provided at time of application and if approved, at the end of the semester. Applications are taken in the spring and summer for fall enrollments. Everyone is encouraged to apply. These scholarships are funded by the Community Services Block Grant through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic

Opportunity.

### CSBG School Supply Program

The CSBG School Supply Program is offered to low-income students in grades K-12. Qualifying students will receive a backpack filled with school supplies required by their teacher. Applications are taken during the summer for fall enrollment. This program is funded by the Community Services Block Grant through the Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity, as well as donations from area businesses, organizations, and individuals.

### OSBG Emergency Assistance Program

The CSBG Emergency Assistance Program is available to income eligible applicants who have been or are in danger of being evicted from their home due to non-payment of rent. These funds can be used to pay one month of current rent only (no deposits). Applicant must have an eviction notice from their landlord. These funds can also be used to purchase prescribed medication on an emergency basis. Applicant must have a statement from their doctor along with a copy of the prescription. Applications are taken year round while funds are available. Funding is provided by the Community Services Block Grant through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

### CSBG Employment Resource Lab

The CSBG Employment Resource Lab (ERL) is designed to help income eligible individuals gain computer skills and improve their chances in the job market. Applicants have hands on experience with tutorial software such as Windows, Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point, Access, and Quick Books. Travel through various games while learning to type. Write resumes and search the internet for available job openings. Applicants can make appointments at their convenience. ERL locations are Charleston, Greenup, Mattoon, Newton, and Paris ERBA offices. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this free service. Funding is provided by the Community Services Block Grant through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

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