

Eligibility

What do we do?

The *Discretionary Benefits Program* offers eligible City of Stratford/Perth County residents financial assistance to purchase essential health related and emergency items when all other resources are exhausted. All items require pre-approval by the Discretionary Benefits staff. You must be in receipt of Ontario Works Assistance or the Ontario Disability Support Program Assistance to qualify for the discretionary benefits program

Please note: Not all health, basic items or need or services are covered by the *Discretionary Benefits Program*, even if it is supported with medical documentation. Financial assistance may also be subject to funding and frequency limits and may be based on the number of people in your family unit.

AVAILABLE BENEFITS

Discretionary Benefits applicants can request financial assistance with:

- One-time health related items such as eye glasses, emergency dental treatment, prosthetics and health related supplies
- Non-health related items such as essential appliances, utility arrears (in order to avoid disconnection)
- Costs associated with funerals, burials and cremations

How to Apply

To apply for Discretionary Benefits

Phone: 519-271-3773 ext. 200

Fax: 519-271-5038

Write to: Discretionary Benefits Program
City of Stratford Ontario Works Program
82 Erie Street, Stratford ON, N5A 2M4

In Person: First Floor 82 Erie Street, Stratford, ON