

Portland Community Support Fund

Policy

Through the establishment of the Portland Community Support Fund ("PCSF"), the City Council means and intends to provide assistance and funding to "asylum seekers."

Beginning July 1, 2015, "asylum seekers" who are noncitizens lawfully present in the United States for one (1) year or less from their date of arrival or who are pursuing a lawful process to apply for immigration relief (as described further below) and have received General Assistance from Portland in June of 2015, will be formally assisted from the PCSF.

Procedure

Clients will be broken down into two categories: New Intakes On/After July 1, 2015 and Client as of June 30, 2015. Following that breakdown, a series of questions will be addressed.

New Intakes On/After July 1, 2015

- Are you a U.S. citizen?
 - Yes- Complete a General Assistance application

- If not a U.S. citizen, are you of permanent status? (ie Asylum Granted, Refugee, or Legal Permanent Resident)
 - Yes- Complete a General Assistance application

- If not of permanent status, has the I-94 date stamped onto their visa expired?
 - No- Complete a General Assistance application

- Once the I-94 date has expired, making the client no longer eligible for reimbursement from the state, they will no longer be eligible for benefits through the City.

Client as of June 30, 2015

- Are you a U.S. citizen?
 - Yes- Complete a General Assistance application

- If not a U.S. citizen, are you of permanent status? (i.e. Asylum Granted, Refugee, or Legal Permanent Resident)
 - Yes- Complete a General Assistance application

- If not of permanent status, has the I-94 date stamped onto their visa expired?
 - No- Complete a General Assistance application

- If the I-94 stamp has expired, is the client within one year of their entry into the United States?
 - No- The client is ineligible for the Portland Community Support Fund and General Assistance

- If they are still within their one year of entry, has the client applied for asylum?
 - Yes- The client is eligible for continued support through the Portland Community Support Fund

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Attachment F

- No- The client is eligible for the Portland Community Support Fund for up to one year from entry in to the United States