

Auxiliary Grant Program

What is an Auxiliary Grant?

An Auxiliary Grant is financial assistance for people who receive Supplemental Security Income and certain other aged, blind or disabled individuals who are entering or already living in certain licensed or approved facilities that accept auxiliary grant payments.



Who is eligible?

To be eligible for an Auxiliary Grant in Virginia, you must meet all these conditions:

- Be 65 or over, blind or have another disability
- Reside in a licensed assisted living facility, supportive housing setting or approved adult foster care home
- Be a resident of Virginia for at least 90 days with the intent to remain in Virginia
- Be a citizen of the U.S. or an alien who meets specified criteria
- Have a monthly income less than the approved Auxiliary Grant rate
- Have assets of less than \$2,000 for one person or \$3,000 for a couple
- Have been assessed by an approved evaluator

How do I apply?

You must complete an Application for Benefits, not a Medicaid application. You must also apply for or already receive, Supplemental Security Income.

Submit your application to an eligibility worker at the local department of social services in the city or county where you last lived before entering an institution.

You are responsible for paying for your housing and care until you receive the Auxiliary Grant.





What does the Auxiliary Grant cover?

Room and Board

- Provision of a furnished room in a facility that meets applicable zoning, building and fire safety codes
- Housekeeping services based on the needs of the resident
- Meals and snacks, including extra portions and special diets
- Clean bed linens and towels as needed by the resident and at least weekly

Maintenance and Care

- Assisting with personal hygiene such as bathing, dressing or grooming
- Administering medication including insulin injections
- Providing generic personal toiletries including soap and toilet paper
- Assisting with:
 - Care of personal possessions and personal funds
 - Use of telephone
 - Arranging transportation
 - Getting necessary personal items and clothing
 - Making and keeping appointments
 - Correspondence
- Securing health care and transportation for medical treatment
- Providing social and recreational activities
- General supervision for safety

Personal Needs Allowance

Grant recipients are permitted a monthly personal needs allowance to buy personal items or certain services that the facility may not otherwise provide, including:

- Personal care, such as hair styling or dental care
- Health care, such as medical co-payments, over-the-counter medications or prescriptions not covered by Medicaid
- Personal toiletries, eyeglasses, clothing
- Tobacco products, sodas, snacks

For More Information

For more information about Auxiliary Grants, visit www.dss.virginia.gov/family/as/auxgrant or call DARS' Adult Protective Services Division toll-free at (800) 552-5019.

To ask about eligibility, talk to an eligibility worker at your local department of social services. Local offices, their addresses and contact information are listed at www.dss.virginia.gov/localagency.

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Adult Protective Services
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(888-832-3858).