



## Adult Financial Assistance

The Adult Financial program provides financial assistance to low-income aged, blind, and disabled people who need help in meeting basic living costs. Only programs currently available in PEAK are described here. For a full list of Adult Financial programs, visit [coloradoaging.com](http://coloradoaging.com).

### Step 1 Complete an Application

Apply online at [colorado.gov/PEAK](http://colorado.gov/PEAK) or complete a paper application.

### Step 2 Gather required documents

See the list in the right column of “Examples of Required Documents” and make copies. Copies of all documents can be submitted by mail, fax, or in person to the client’s county. Some counties can accept scanned and e-mailed documents. Make certain all documents list client name, date of birth, and/or confirmation number from Colorado PEAK.

### Step 3 Complete an interview

A face-to-face interview may be required. If a paper application is submitted in person, an interview can be scheduled. Otherwise the applicant will receive a letter with instructions on how to schedule an interview.

Once all documents have been received by the county office and the interview is completed, benefits will be processed.

*Processing time:* 45 days for OAP  
60 days for AND

## Programs

### Old Age Pension (OAP)

Provides financial assistance to low-income individuals age 60 and over.

### Aid to the Needy Disabled (AND)

Provides financial assistance to low-income people over age 18 who have total disability lasting six months or longer that prevents them from working.

### Aid to the Blind (AB)

Provides financial assistance to low-income people of any age who meet the Social Security definition of blindness.

### Aid to the Needy Disabled/Blind Colorado Supplement (AND-CS)

Provides a state supplemental payment to people who receive partial benefits from the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.

### Burial Assistance

Provides financial assistance to help pay for funeral, burial, and/or cremation costs for recipients of Aid to the Needy and Disabled, Aid to the Blind, Old Age Pension, and Medicaid whose estates are insufficient to pay the total costs.

### Home Care Allowance (HCA)

Provides financial assistance to elderly and disabled individuals for services paid directly to a home care provider of the client’s choice. Clients must meet functional need eligibility for assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, and homemaker services.

## Examples of Required Documents

*not limited to the following*

Proof of	Documents
Identity	Driver’s license , ID card, birth certificate or any document that verifies identity
Birth Certificates	Birth certificates for all household members
Residency	Rental agreement, mortgage statement, driver’s license, rent receipt, or utility bills
Social Security Number	Needed for all household members applying for benefits or proof of application for a Social Security number
Immigration Status	Legal Permanent Resident Card, I-94, I-551, or any document that verifies immigration status
Monthly Income	For all applying for assistance: paycheck stubs (for the last 30 days), benefit award letters from Social Security or Veteran’s Assistance, unemployment insurance check stubs, pension information, child support received, any other money received
Monthly Shelter Costs	Lease or mortgage payment book, homeowner’s insurance bills, proof of property taxes, utility bills or any document that shows responsibility for shelter costs
Power of Attorney	Contract and contact information if applicable
Court-ordered child support expense	Court order or stub with garnished wages

Clients will be asked to verify additional resources such as checking or savings accounts, investments, real estate, multiple vehicles, etc.

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# Income

Most households must have income at or below certain dollar limits to qualify.

## Overview of Adult Category Programs *effective 01.01.13*

program	income limits	resource limits	age	benefit amounts	program details
Old Age Pension (OAP)	\$737	Single \$2,000 Couple \$3,000	60+	maximum \$737	Cash assistance only. Determination in 45 days.
Aid to Blind (AB)	\$175	Single \$2,000 Couple \$3,000	N/A	maximum \$175	Cash assistance only. Must meet the SSI definition of blindness. Determination in 60 days.
Aid to the Needy Disabled (AND)	\$175	Single \$2,000 Couple \$3,000	18 to 59	maximum \$140	Cash assistance only. Must have a total disability that has lasted or is expected to last 6 months or longer (before or during receipt of AND). Determination in 60 days.
AND-CS	\$710 with SSI only	Single \$2,000 Couple \$3,000	NA	Varies based on SSI benefits received	Must be on SSI. Cash assistance only. Determination in 60 days.
Home Care Allowance (HCA)	Program income limit plus approved HCA amount	Same as AB, AND or OAP	NA	Varies High \$475 Medium \$342 Low \$200	Client given cash assistance to pay a home care provider. Determination in 45 days.