

Chicago State University
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Housing and Basic Needs Emergency Fund

The *Housing and Basic Needs Emergency Fund* at Chicago State University is made possible by a grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education- End Student Housing Insecurity Grant. The program is designed to address housing and basic needs insecurities and mitigate the barriers college students sometimes face in pursuit of their education.

Overview

The Housing and Basic Needs Emergency Fund is to assist students who are experiencing sudden, unforeseen financial emergencies that without resolving would result in student's withdrawal from their courses, or inability to successfully complete their semester. The goal is to provide students with assistance to eliminate barriers so that students may continue to successfully complete their semesters. This is a non-financial aid award disbursed to the student. Eligible expenses include but are not limited to: Rental assistance, Childcare, Transportation, and Textbooks.

Eligibility for the Funds

1. Students must be enrolled at CSU at least half-time (6 credits) for the semester you are applying for.
2. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00.
3. You must have a sudden onset of a financial emergency that is not resolved quickly, would cause you to withdraw from your courses.
4. Students must complete an application in full of supporting documentation of need, (utility bills, syllabus outlining textbooks required, letter from childcare provider, letter from Landlord for rental assistance, print out of transportation cost)

Application Process

1. Complete the Basic Needs Emergency Fund Request [Emergency Aid | DOSA | Chicago State University](#)
2. Prepare supporting documentation (utility bills, syllabus outlining textbooks required, letter from childcare provider, letter from Landlord for rental assistance, print out of transportation cost)
3. The HOUSE Liaison will review application and supporting documentation
4. Applicants will be contacted within 5 business days of their application submission with status of application (i.e., approved or denial).
5. **Approved applications** shall meet all four of the eligibility requirements listed above.
6. A **student's application will be denied** if all four eligibility requirements are not met.