

Program Fast Facts

	CalFresh	CalWORKs	General Relief	Medi-Cal
Overview	CalFresh is a federal supplemental nutrition program for low-income families and individuals that meet certain income guidelines.	CalWORKs is a cash assistance program for low income families (including pregnant mothers in their 2 nd trimester without minor children) to help meet their basic needs. It also provides education, employment, child care and training programs to eligible families to get jobs and move towards self sufficiency.	General Relief is a county program that offers small short-term loans to adults without children (or pregnant mothers in their 1 st trimester) who need help meeting their most basic shelter and personal needs. Applicants must have been a SB County resident for at least 15 days.	Medi-Cal is California's Medicaid health care program. This program pays for a variety of medical services for children and adults with limited income and resources.
Income Limits	Generally, households must have gross income below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL) and net income (after certain deductions) below the 100% FPL. Special rules apply to persons who are Elderly and/or Disabled. CF Charts 2015-10	Income limits will vary for each family depending on the number of members in the assistance unit subject to passing the applicant test: total monthly gross earned income less \$90, compared to Minimum Basic Standard Needs of Adequate Care (MBSAC). CW Charts 2015-07	Gross income does not exceed the maximum grant (\$ 91 - \$300). Maximum grant is based on income and housing situation. GR Basics	Income limits will vary for each household depending on the individuals in the household and their ages. Medi-Cal Programs can range from Zero Share of Cost to Share of Cost.
Resource Limits	Vehicles are exempt. Modified Categorical Eligibility (MCE) is a provision that excludes resources for all Non-Assistance CalFresh households as long as they have income at or below 200% of the FPL. Resources should still be verified for households with a sanctioned individual or when evaluating for Expedited Services.	\$2,250	One vehicle valued at \$1,500 or less, second vehicle can't exceed \$500. (exempt if applicant lives in the vehicle). Property limit of \$50 (cash, bank accounts, etc.) and a life insurance and/or burial policy of \$500 or less.	MAGI cases – resources are not counted. Non-MAGI cases – resource limit is based on the number of household members, the principal residence and the vehicle with the highest value are exempt.
Benefit Level	The benefit level is based on the household size and household income after certain deductions based on specific program regulations. Note: The annual adjustment to the FPL is made each October.	The benefit level is based on the household size and household income after certain deductions based on specific program regulations.	The maximum housing grant is \$300 depending on housing situation. If there are no shelter expenses the grant \$91 for personal needs only. Employables are limited to 3 months of aid in a 12 month period. Unemployables (medically unable to work due to physical or mental impairment) all other criteria is met.	Medi-Cal is a comprehensive insurance product with no set benefit level. Households may be eligible to either Fullscope or Restricted benefits.
Immigrant Eligibility	Individuals who are either U.S. Citizens or certain Noncitizens may be eligible for benefits if all other eligibility criteria are met.	Individuals who are either U.S. Citizens or certain Noncitizens may be eligible for benefits if all other eligibility criteria are met.	Individuals who are either U.S. Citizens or certain Noncitizens may be eligible for benefits if all other eligibility criteria are met. If applicant is sponsored, the sponsor is required to sign a reimbursement agreement.	Individuals who are either U.S. Citizens or certain Noncitizens may be eligible for benefits if all other eligibility criteria are met.

Note: The information on this document should not be used to determine program eligibility.