

**CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND  
GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ASSISTANCE STATISTICAL REPORT  
REPORTING PERIOD: APRIL 2016**

<b>TOTAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS APRIL 2016</b>	<b>\$32,327.84</b>
APRIL 2015	24,372.12
APRIL 2014	18,755.53
APRIL 2013	19,233.76
APRIL 2012	22,083.54
APRIL 2011	16,144.64
APRIL 2010	21,178.44
APRIL 2009	21,981.51
APRIL 2008	12,426.11
APRIL 2007	12,176.43
APRIL 2006	9,289.23

Housing Payments (Rent, Mortgage):	\$ 24,390.75
Temporary Housing (Emergency-Shelters/Motels):	\$ 2,637.00
Heating:	\$ 149.07
Electric Service (CMP):	\$ 952.08
Propane Gas (Unitil):	\$ 718.17
Food:	\$ 975.24
Prescriptions:	\$ 839.70
Medical Services:	\$ 0
Dental:	\$ 0
Burials/Cremations	\$ 785.00
Diapers/Baby Supplies:	\$ 130.53
Household/Personal:	\$ 592.66
All Other Needs:	\$ 157.64

Heating Assistance Fund CDBG:      900 Gallons                              Cases: 5

WORKFARE STATISTICS: Cases: 1    People: 1

APRIL	2016	2015	2014
<b>Total Families Assisted</b>	120	59	66
<b>Total Individuals Assisted</b>	263	139	145
<b>Total Children Assisted</b>	51	31	20

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathleen*

<u>Undocumented</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Partial Reimbursed by State</u>
Rent	\$ 1938.00	\$ 0
Food	\$ 97.70	\$ 39.08
Electricity	\$ 49.94	\$ 0
Prescriptions:	\$ 43.79	\$ 17.51
Unitil	\$ 190.83	\$ 0

Why are we seeing an increase in General Assistance? (GA)

- An Act to clarify The Immigration Status of Noncitizens Eligible for General Assistance. This rule will clarify who is newly eligible under that law and who is not. It interprets “pursuing a lawful process” to mean an affirmation application for asylum that follows U.S.C.I.S. rules and that it is submitted prior to being placed in removal proceedings. Asylum seekers who are not in the “lawful process” are awarded vouchers reflected above and the pro-rated amounts that the state reimburses are noted. This is due to a child who is born in the US who is documented or another family member who is documented.
- Increase in SSI/SSDI filing resulting in increased GA. Cases may take 2-3 years for resolution.
- Difficulties with social security not received or workers comp issues increase the need for GA.
- Complicated immigration issues resulting in a delay in Maine Care and state supplements.
- Difficulties in securing affordable housing causing emergency GA.
- We are seeing an increase in general assistance from 2015 to 2016 relative to expenditures and families assisted.

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<b>TOTAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS MARCH 2016</b>	<b>\$45,419.44</b>
MARCH 2015	23,055.24
MARCH 2014	26,132.17
MARCH 2013	20,782.70
MARCH 2012	15,626.94
MARCH 2011	23,434.85
MARCH 2010	26,333.06
MARCH 2009	25,184.90
MARCH 2008	18,254.58
MARCH 2007	20,055.45
MARCH 2006	15,957.33

Housing Payments (Rent, Mortgage):	\$ 26104.68
Temporary Housing (Emergency-Shelters/Motels):	\$ 5,623.89
Heating:	\$ 527.32
Electric Service (CMP):	\$ 930.80
Propane Gas (Unitil):	\$ 777.80
Food:	\$ 5,284.81
Prescriptions:	\$ 1,560.28
Medical Services:	\$ 0
Dental:	\$ 0
Burials/Cremations	\$ 0
Diapers/Baby Supplies:	\$ 1,255.42
Household/Personal:	\$ 2,620.39
All Other Needs:	\$ 734.05

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Heating Assistance Fund CDBG Cases: 1

WORKFARE STATISTICS: Cases: 1

MARCH	2016	2015	2014
<b>Total Families Assisted</b>	122	69	58
<b>Total Individuals Assisted</b>	275	132	123
<b>Total Children Assisted</b>	57	28	18

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen*

Kathleen Babeu, Director of Social Services

<u>Undocumented</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Partial Reimbursed by State</u>
Rent	\$ 3663.00	\$ 0
Food	\$ 343.42	\$ 22.99
Electricity	\$ 157.68	\$ 0
Diapers	\$ 158.03	\$ 51.77
Non-Food	\$ 76.42	\$ 9.02

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- For the month of March 2016, our numbers nearly doubled relative to expenditures and families assisted from the previous year, 2015.