

# City of Rockland

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## General Assistance

### **Mission Statement**

Provide thoughtful, considerate and confidential assistance as mandated under Title 22, Section 4301, M.R.S.A., Chapter 1161, as a service administered by a municipality for the immediate aid of person who are unable to provide the basic necessities essential to maintain themselves or their families.

### **Department Description**

We provide General Assistance to eligible residents of Rockland by appointment or for eligible emergency assistance. The General Assistance Administer also oversees the Haines Fund, a private trust, for needy citizens who may not qualify for other assistance programs.

### **Previous Year's Highlights**

- Created a new financial reporting form for all applicants.
- Attended two basic GA classes.
- Worked with Economic Development Director with linking GA recipients with good health and nutrition options.
- Received a \$500 grant for ACHIEVE.

### **Goals & Objectives**

- To have locally grown fresh food available and accessible to GA applicants and recipients who also receive SNAP.
- To educate GA applicants and recipients about access to the summer lunch program for low income families.
- To collaborate with various other City Departments and other service agencies for possibilities for workfare.
- To use “workfare first” as a regular practice in determining eligibility.
- And any other service that will; assist with making GA recipients financially self-sufficient.