

Temporary Support Service for Housing and Utilities

March 1st 2017 – June 30th 2017

Oregonians across the state experienced severe winter weather over the last several months. Many families found themselves unable to meet all of their basic housing and utility needs. To help lessen the financial impact this has had on TA-DVS eligible families, DHS may be able to assist these families by supporting them with up to \$800.00 that could be used to cover some of their housing and utility costs.



Who: Support service payments are limited to those families currently eligible for TA-DVS or who's TA-DVS eligibility has ended within the past 90 days. Participants must currently be working towards addressing domestic violence safety concerns as part of their family plan *and* must have a DV step coded on their TRACS PDP.

What: Support services for housing and utilities, up to \$800.00, may be available, only after all other resources are depleted. This includes all monies granted under the TA-DVS program. The temporary support service for housing and utilities payments are an enhancement to the already existing TADVS program.

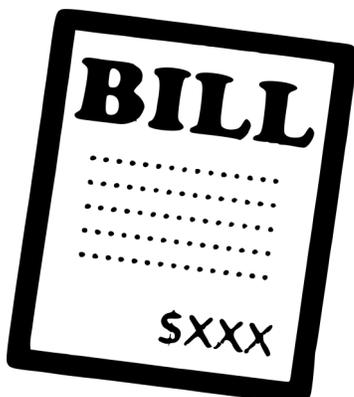
Example: Johnny was approved for TADVS; he and his two children are currently working with a Helping Hands DV advocate to find safe housing. He and his children stay in a shelter to save their total TADVS grant of \$1,200. He finds housing for \$800.00 per month. The landlord requests first and last months rent to move in. They work with the landlord to negotiate a \$200.00 deposit for a total move in cost of \$1,800.00. From the TADVS funds, Johnny requests, and DHS pays, \$100.00 for a U-Haul to move their household belongings from storage to their new house. The remaining \$1,100 is applied towards the cost of moving in.

SPL 22 to U-Haul: \$100.00

SPL 22 to Landlord: \$1,100.00

JASR **75** remaining payment to Landlord: \$700.00

Total move in cost: \$1,900.00



Example: Beth is currently on TANF with her two children, her TA-DVS grant ended last month. She is working with a DV advocate as part of her ongoing JOBS plan. Due to prolonged severe weather, she is unable to pay her heating bill. She request \$245.00 to bring her PUD bill current. Worker calls the PUD and confirms the amount owed and account number needed to pay PUD bill. After the DV step is on TRACS, the worker issues a support service payment (reason code **75**) directly to PUD in the amount of \$245.00 .