

CEDA BARRIER REDUCTION PROGRAM

Your future starts here—
let's build it together!

Up to
\$2,000
per household

Breaking Down Barriers to Economic Independence

Housing instability and unreliable transportation are major challenges for low-income residents in suburban Cook County. For many SNAP participants, overdue rent or unaffordable car repairs can threaten employment and deepen financial insecurity, making long-term stability even harder to achieve.

The CEDA Barrier Reduction Program (BRP) is designed specifically to support SNAP participants who are currently employed, actively seeking employment, or enrolled in an employment or vocational training program. By providing targeted financial assistance for rental needs and vehicle repairs, BRP empowers individuals to overcome obstacles, stabilize their circumstances, and pursue lasting economic independence.

Program Benefits

- **Rental Assistance:** Up to \$2,000 per household for overdue rent, initial deposits, or other urgent housing needs to prevent eviction or secure stable living arrangements.
- **Auto Repair Assistance:** Up to \$1,400 per household for essential vehicle repairs, including routine maintenance and minor to intermediate mechanical services.
- **Referrals to Additional Services:** Participants can be connected to other CEDA FsACE programs, such as Dental Care Assistance, Vision Care Assistance, Trade Skills Program, and Summer Youth Employment, to address broader needs and support long-term stability.
- **Pathway to Self-Sufficiency:** Enabling residents to maintain employment and reduce reliance on public assistance.

Our program helps remove financial obstacles to employment by providing support for housing and transportation, ensuring individuals can maintain stability and pursue their career goals.

THIS PROGRAM CONCLUDES ON MAY 15, 2025 *(until funds are exhausted)*

Contact Us Today

Call our Information & Referral Helpline at **(312) 795-8948** for more information or to pre-apply.

www.cedaorg.net



This program proudly serves residents of suburban Cook County.

Overcome obstacles to employment and stability—contact us today!

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a resident of suburban Cook County.
- Household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- Provide proof of identity, such as a valid government-issued photo ID.
- Must be currently employed, actively seeking employment, or enrolled in an employment/vocational training program).
- Applicant/Household must currently receive SNAP benefits, be SNAP eligible with a pending application, or within 9 months removed from SNAP due to benefit time limits.

Household Size	Max. 30-day Income	Max Annual Income
1	\$2,608	\$31,300
2	\$3,525	\$42,300
3	\$4,442	\$53,300
4	\$5,358	\$64,300
5	\$6,275	\$75,300
6	\$7,192	\$86,300
7	\$8,108	\$97,300
8	\$9,025	\$108,300

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Service Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

How It Works

Customers work with a Case Manager to receive financial assistance for overdue rent or critical auto repairs, helping them maintain employment and housing stability. Designed for SNAP participants who are employed, job-seeking, or in vocational training, this program provides essential support to keep them on track.



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