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### Who is eligible for Project Help Assistance?

To be eligible for Project Help applicants must be 55 years of age or older, or be disabled to the extent that they cannot economically self-sufficient and have no other resource available.

The Red Cross will determine when emergency needs exist and will administer the use of available funds to meet those needs. Project help is not intended to provide ongoing support, but to provide temporary assistance for those persons in a crisis situation.

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### *Project Help is neighbors helping neighbors.*

Helping our neighbors is a tradition in our area, built over the years and based on our common goals and needs. One beautiful example of how that neighborly spirit is still at work here is Project help.



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### What qualifies as "emergency energy-related expenses"?

Any energy bill of the truly needy for heating or cooling may qualify for Project Help assistance, regardless of fuel source. This includes electric or gas service, the costs of other fuels like propane or butane, minor home weatherization, emergency repair of vital heating and cooling equipment and other similar expenditures.

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### How to make a donation

It's simple! Just complete the online donation form.

All contributions received by Empire will be given monthly to the American Red Cross to be used to help pay emergency energy costs of the truly needed.

Naturally, your contributions are tax deductible.

Your total Project Help contributions for the previous year will be reported on your January bill each year.

**All money goes to Project Help**

Empire's role in Project Help is to encourage donations by offering Empire customers a convenient means of contributing. The full amount of each contribution to Project Help will go to the ultimate beneficiaries. There are no deductions for salaries, administrative costs or other expenses. And, of course, all the money stays within this area. Project help really is neighbors helping neighbors.

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