

# Haines CARES Individual Assistance FAQ

*I have not had a reduction in revenue as a result of COVID-19 but I have experienced increased expenses. Am I eligible for assistance under this grant program?*

No, this grant program is for Haines residents who have experienced a reduction in income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

*I am living with someone and we are not married can we both apply?*

Yes, more than one application per household is okay. Adults who live together and each file their own tax returns should each make their own application to the assistance program if they feel they qualify.

*I am a single filer and I earned more than \$40,000 in 2019 but because of COVID-19 I will earn less than \$40,000 in 2020. Can I qualify for assistance?*

Yes, as long as you meet the other criteria you can qualify for assistance even if you made more than \$40,000 in prior years.

*How do I know if I can claim a dependent child?*

A child must meet all 6 of these requirements in order to be considered your Qualifying Child.

1. **Relationship:** The person must be your daughter, son, stepdaughter, stepson, foster child, sister, brother, half-sister, half-brother, stepsister, stepbrother, or a descendant of any of these, such as a niece or nephew.
2. **Age:** They must be one of the following:
  1. Under the age of 19 on the last day of the year *and* younger than you (and your spouse if filing jointly)
  2. A [full-time student under the age of 24](#) on the last day of the year *and* younger than you (and your spouse if filing jointly)
  3. Permanently disabled at any time during the year, regardless of their age
3. **Support:** They must have not provided more than half of his or her own support for the year (regardless of who did provide the support). Support includes food, actual or fair rental value of housing, clothing, transportation, medical expenses, and recreation.
4. **Residency:** They must have lived with you for more than half of the year, except for temporary absences.
5. **Joint Return:** They must not file a joint tax return for the year (if he or she is married).
6. **Qualifying Child of More Than One Person:** If they could be a qualifying child for more than one person, you must be the person who is entitled to claim the child.