

Asylum Circle Consortium Emergency Relief Program

The Asylum Circle Consortium has received some funding from Qld Government for a new Emergency Relief program which will be delivered at Outreach Hubs across South East Queensland and via phone in regional areas.

ELIGIBILITY: Currently this funding is for those who live in Queensland, arrived by boat (referred to as the “legacy caseload”) and have been invited by the Minister to apply for a temporary protection visa and have no income due to their visa status. They belong to the following groups:

- Medical transferees with Final Departure Bridging Visa E, who have been transferred to Australia for medical treatment from a regional/offshore processing.
- Those who are Finally Determined ie people seeking asylum from the ‘legacy caseload’ and have had their claim for protection refused twice and have no income.
- People from the ‘legacy caseload’ granted a TPV or SHEV and are without income (awaiting Centrelink payments)
- Those in the “legacy caseload” waiting for a protection visa application decision, not eligible for Centrelink and are without income.

WHAT IS THE EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM?

The program is designed to assist eligible individuals and families to meet their basic needs and support them in their situation by supplementing with emergency relief and referrals while coinciding with any established supports.

Individuals/families who meet the criteria are assessed by the Asylum Circle Consortium Case Coordinator at Emergency Relief Hubs. These individuals/families will receive a capped amount of vouchers based on family composition and vulnerability and will assist with food, travel, medical and other basic needs. There is no support for debts or legal costs. Emergency Relief may be reassessed monthly according to the individual or family’s circumstances and needs at that time. The Case Coordinator arranges individualised needs-based referrals and supports that include employment support through the new Red Cross Employment program, legal, medical and or mental health referrals, as appropriate.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Referrals are made to the Case Coordinator who will then make an appointment at the closest Outreach Hub. The Case Coordinator will use a vulnerability assessment tool to determine an appropriate amount of emergency relief. The assessment will inform the development of a support plan created by the case coordinator and individual/family and will be reviewed periodically. Emergency Relief Outreach Hubs are located in Goodna, Logan Central, Romero Centre and Indooroopilly Uniting Church. Saint Vincent De Paul will distribute Emergency Relief vouchers at these locations.

HOW CAN I REFER?

- By phone to **Romero Centre 3013 0100**
- Please complete the attached referral form together with the Asylum Circle consent form to: **Ainslie Kimber Ainslie.Kimber@mercycs.org.au**

Before making a referral please ensure you have their consent and the person/family you are referring fits the eligibility criteria.

Asylum Circle Brisbane

Asylum Circle / Communify Office location: 180 Jubilee Terrace Bardon QLD 4065 | Phone 3510 2700

Referral for emergency relief appointment

Date: / /

Name:	Contact:	Family Composition:
	Suburb:	Language if required:

Visa and Income Details:

Finally Determined <input type="radio"/>	Final Departure <input type="radio"/>	TPV <input type="radio"/>	SHEV <input type="radio"/>
Does the person have Work rights? <input type="radio"/>	Does the person have Medicare? <input type="radio"/>	Is anyone in the family working? <input type="radio"/>	If there is any income in the family, how much per week? \$.....

Please list needs:

Closest Hub being referred to:

Goodna (Monday afternoon)	Logan (Tuesday all day)	Romero Centre (Wednesday afternoon)	Indooroopilly (Thursday afternoon)
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Contact details of Referrer:

Organisation: _____

Name of Referrer: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____