

90-500.5. SITUATIONS WHEN GR IS NOT AUTHORIZED

A. General This section provides information on situations when GR is not authorized.

B. Offer of a Free Home When the applicant/recipient has an offer of free housing and utilities and food from an individual (not an organization or shelter), regardless of location within the County, he/she is considered to have all his/her needs met in full and is ineligible to GR.

If an applicant/recipient has free housing and utilities but is responsible for his/her own food, the Basic Need Rate will be reduced by the appropriate amount per the Income In-Kind chart. The applicant/recipient would then be eligible because his/her needs had not been met in full. However, if by the applicant's/recipient's statement or otherwise, it appears the acceptance of this offer would be detrimental to the applicant/recipient, a Service evaluation of the situation is required. If Transportation to Resource is indicated (resources outside the County), all criteria outlined in [90-500.4.D](#) must be followed.

C. Strikers The County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to deny GR to strikers, except as may be required by State and Federal law. Therefore, GR shall be denied to both strikers and to those not on strike but refuse to cross picket lines in support of a strike.

D. Homemakers GR funds cannot be used to pay for Homemaker Services. Applicants should be referred to In-Home Supportive Services for information on Homemakers.

E. County Burials County Burial is the responsibility of the County Public Administrator. Inquiries should be referred to the mortuary who will contact the Public Administrator if appropriate. The worker responsibility is limited to providing the Public Administrator with information regarding any case when requested.

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F. Incarceration and Hospitalization

GR funds cannot be used to aid those who are incarcerated or hospitalized. However, once an applicant has been granted GR and is later incarcerated or hospitalized the worker will determine the estimated duration.

| If the recipient ... | Then ... |
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| will not be released by the end of the month following the month of incarceration or hospitalization, | the case will be closed with timely and adequate notice. |
| is anticipated to be released before the end of the month following the month of incarceration or hospitalization, | no overpayment has occurred and the case will remain open. |
| is incarcerated or hospitalized for a full calendar month, | an overpayment has occurred for that month. |

G. Fugitive Felons, Probation/ Parole Violators and Misdemeanor Violators

GR benefits shall not be paid to any individual who:

- is fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody, or confinement after conviction, under the laws of the place from which the individual flees, for a crime, or an attempt to commit a crime, which is a felony under the laws of the place from which the individual flees
- is violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under Federal or State law
- has an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

H. Needs Exceed Basic Need Rate

GR shall not be denied or discontinued solely because the applicant's/ recipient's basic shelter expenses (housing and utilities) exceed the Basic Need Rate. However, aid shall not be continued beyond three months from the initial Notification to Reduce Living Expenses, unless the applicant's/recipient's basic living expenses are reduced to within the applicable Basic Need Rate for the applicant's/recipient's living situation.

The applicant/recipient must be given written notice to reduce his/her basic living expenses. This notice shall be given on the appropriate Notice of Action as well as explained to the applicant/recipient.

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**Needs Exceed
Basic Need
Rate**
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A Case Comment shall be entered to alert future workers.

The three month period to reduce the excessive needs shall apply only while the applicant/recipient continues to receive GR without a substantial break in aid (more than 30 days).

| If ... | Then ... |
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| a break in aid of more than 30 days occurs, | the case shall be evaluated to determine if there were changes in the applicant's/ recipient's circumstances which would have allowed him/her to have met excessive needs through income or resources. |
| there were not changes in circumstances, | the balance of the three month period shall apply. |
| there were changes in circumstances, | a new three month period shall apply. |

**I.
Full Time
Employment**

Persons who are fully employed are not eligible for GR, regardless of the amount of money earned during the month. Fully employed persons include those persons working or in paid training 100 hours or more per month, 25 hours or more per week, and self-employed persons.
