Michigan Help Programs — Take One

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START HERE — Call or text 2-1-1

Dial 2-1-1 • Text your ZIP to 898211 • mi211.org — food, housing, utilities + energy help. Or apply at michigan.gov/mibridges.

FOOD — Apply for SNAP / Food Assistance

Apply through MI Bridges or your county MDHHS office. Need food this week? Call 2-1-1 for the closest pantry — ask them to confirm hours.

HEAT & POWER — Nov 1 to March 31

You MUST contact your utility to get shutoff protection. DTE: 800-477-4747 • Consumers: 800-477-5050. Seniors 65+ and households at/below 150% poverty may qualify. Free tax help: 2-1-1 / MichiganFreeTaxHelp.org. Home Heating Credit: 2026 deadline passed Sept. 30 — reopens in 2027.

RENT / HOUSING — Call your county HARA

Find yours on the MSHDA HARA list (updated June 22, 2026). Detroit/Hamtramck/Highland Park: HAND (313) 305-0311. Out-Wayne: Wayne Metro (734) 284-6999. Can't get through? Call 2-1-1.

SCAM WARNING — “Government grant” calls/texts

Government agencies do NOT offer grants this way. Hang up if they want gift cards, wire, crypto, pay apps, your SSN, or rush you. Report: Attorney General 877-765-8388 • michiganmoneymoves.com/avoid-scams

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