

PUBLIC BENEFITS (G.A./S.S.I.)

First, you will need to obtain a “proof of residency/incarceration” (either to restart benefits due to incarceration of one year or less or to apply for public benefits).

1. Go to County Jail #1 (850 Bryant, 6th floor) or the Discharge Planning offices in the lobby of County Jail #9. Ask for your dates of incarceration.
2. Bring your proof of residency/incarceration and picture I.D. to your GA or SSI worker.

To apply for General Assistance (GA):

San Francisco Department of Human Services – County Adult Assistance Programs (CAAP)

1235 Mission St. (btwn 8th and 9th), 94103

415-558-1000

M-F 8am-11am, 1pm-3pm

There are 4 separate programs:

PAES (Personal Assisted Employment Services): **\$422/month** in addition to employment support services

CALM (Cash Assistance Linked to Medi-Cal): **\$422/month** for those who are receiving Medi-Cal because they are either aged or disabled

SSIP (Supplemental Security Income Pending): **\$422/month** and SSI advocacy for those who have been or will be disabled for at least 12 consecutive months

GA (General Assistance): **\$342/month** for indigent adults with no other means of support

To apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI):

Social Security Office

90 7th St Annex (@ Mission), 1st Floor, 94103

800-772-1213

415-554-1444

M-F 9am-4:30pm

Or go to one of the following agencies for help with applying for GA/SSI and for advocacy:

Homeless Advocacy Project

1360 Mission St (btwn 9th and 10th), 2nd Floor, room 201, 94103

415-575-3130

Tu 1pm-4pm

Provides free legal assistance to those who are homeless in SF or who are at risk of becoming homeless.

New clients must drop-in on Tuesdays 1pm-4pm.

General Assistance Advocacy Project (GAAP)

276 Golden Gate (@ Hyde), 94102

415-928-8191

M, Tu, Th, F 9am-12pm, 1:30pm-4pm; closed Wednesdays

Provides free counseling on applying for and receiving public benefits, such as GA, SSI, and Food Stamps. Offers client representation to those whose benefits have been denied.

Disability Evaluation Assistance Program

1060 Howard St (btwn 6th and 7th), 3rd floor, 94103

415-865-5250

M, W-F 8:30am-4:30pm; Tu 10am-4:30pm

To apply for Medi-Cal:

County Social Services Office – SF Medi-Cal Health Connection

1440 Harrison St (btwn 10th and 11th), 94120

415-863-9892

M-F 8am-5pm

Medi-Cal is a health care coverage assistance program for low-income California residents. Eligible recipients include (but are not limited to) persons 65 or older, pregnant women, persons who are disabled, and certain adults with minors. Visit the social services office for an application.