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## In-Home Services: Unmet Needs

<b>Service Name:</b>	Unmet Needs Direct Assistance
<b>Service Definition:</b>	Provision of direct cash assistance to individuals to maintain their independence at home.
<b>Unit of Service:</b>	One item of Assistance
<b>Contract Type:</b>	Fee-for-Service

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### Minimum Requirements:

1. Programs administering these dollars must adhere to the means test or eligibility guidelines set forth by the Commission.
2. The Commission on Aging Director must authorize purchases over \$100.
3. Equipment that is purchased for a senior citizen over \$150 should be returned to the program for reuse with another senior. Items that can be returned and reused can be but are not limited to: Wheelchairs, scales, walkers, lift chairs, hospital beds.
4. Programs administering assistance dollars should make every attempt to inform individuals receiving large purchase items of the return expectation.
5. Programs should make every attempt to have the individual contribute to an item if they are able.
6. Unmet Needs Assistance is limited to \$750 every three years per household. The three-year waiting period begins after the last date of service in which \$750.00 in assistance was received.
7. Clients requesting assistance more than one time will be required to undergo financial literacy counseling before future assistance can be granted.
8. Programs must service the Monroe County area.
9. Programs must serve residents age 60 and older.

