



CATAWBA COUNTY

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PROGRAM PAYS FOR CAR REPAIRS OR INSURANCE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING

HICKORY — Funds are available for persons who are working at least 20 hours a week but who need assistance with car repairs or insurance.

This program of the N.C. Department of Transportation provides limited funds for low-income persons who need to maintain or insure their car so they can continue working. The program is administered by Catawba County Social Services.

To be eligible, individuals must have a vehicle in their name that they need to keep their job. Those who may be eligible are persons who have a gross (before taxes) monthly income of 200 percent of the federal poverty level. For example, a household with one person could earn up to \$1,815 a month. A household with two people could earn as much as \$2,452. A three-person household could earn as much as \$3,089 a month. A four-person family could earn as much as \$3,725.

Those who are eligible must have a valid N.C. driver's license, current insurance on their vehicle (unless this is the area they need help with), a current tag and registration. If repairs are needed, a mechanic must give an estimate of the cost of the repairs and must provide a statement that the car is worth repairing.

This program may be able to pay for repairs to the car, or may provide a one-time payment for up to three months of car insurance. For additional information about this program, call 828-695-5625. Applicants must apply in person at the Work First/General Assistance Unit of Social Services, which is located at 3030 11th Ave. Dr. SE, Hickory, NC 28602 (behind Catawba Valley Medical Center).

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