ORDINANCE

Ordinance Adopting Policy 1.2.3 Regarding General Assistance.
BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County that the existing Policy and Procedure 5.85 regarding General Assistance is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

Title: Administrative Policy General Assistance Ordinance	**Policy No.** Part 1, County Administration Chapter 2, County Organization Section 3
	Effective Date June 14, 2010
Policy Custodian Human Services Department	**Hearing Date** May 11, 2010

Adopting Resolution(s): CC10-192

References (Statutes/Resos/Policies): §30-17-101 through 30-17-108, C.R.S.; CC74-1195, CC79-658, CC85-49, CC00-440, CC04-106, CC04-054

Purpose: To meet certain emergency and temporary needs of poor persons under relevant provisions of C.R.S. Section 30-17-101 et seq. (as repealed and re-enacted in 1981).

Ordinance: General Assistance

A. Authority

1. The Jefferson County Department of Human Services shall be charged with the responsibility of implementing and administering General Assistance in Jefferson County.

2. The Director of Human Services shall be charged with the responsibility to establish the Eligibility Guidelines and to change such Eligibility Guidelines as necessary to meet the purpose of the program. The Eligibility Guidelines may be obtained from the Office of the Director of Human Services.

B. Benefits

1. Eligibility for any and all applicants for General Assistance is always dependent upon Jefferson County having appropriated and available General Assistance funds. General Assistance applicants may apply for:
   a. Rent
   b. Utilities, including heat, electricity and water
   c. Transportation costs
   d. Grocery vouchers
   e. Emergency medical care
   f. Burial Benefits
   g. Filing Fees and Court Costs

2. Special Circumstances

   a. Under special circumstances, or in the case of an emergency where time restrictions will not permit handling the situation under normal procedures, and the applicant otherwise appears eligible, the Director or his/her designee, may grant additional benefits necessary to alleviate an acute condition which jeopardizes the health and safety of the applicant or his/her immediate family.

   b. The Director, or his/her designee, may also authorize expenditure of General Assistance funds for emergency items that may be reimbursed at a later date from other assistance funds, such as Old Age Pension, Aid to Needy Disabled, Colorado Works, etc.

Chair, Board of County Commissioners

Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder