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The canton of St.Gallen wants to provide targeted support to people who have experienced personal or financial difficulties as a result of the Corona pandemic. A wide range of advice and financial support is available for this purpose.

Who is entitled to Corona counselling?

Anyone experiencing personal or financial difficulties due to the Corona pandemic may contact a counselling office in the community. At www.coronahilfe.sg.ch you will find the counselling office responsible for your municipality of residence, which you can contact by telephone or e-mail.

Regardless of the Corona pandemic, every person residing in the canton of St.Gallen is entitled to social counselling. An overview of the entire range of social counselling offices in the canton can also be found at www.coronahilfe.sg.ch.

Who is entitled to receive financial Corona aid?

Persons living in the canton of St.Gallen who have had less income since the start of the Corona pandemic (e.g. due to unemployment or short-time working) and are therefore no longer able to cover their living expenses are entitled to financial support. It is also possible to receive financial Corona aid if you are already receiving social security benefits (e.g. unemployment benefit or Corona EO).

Who is not entitled to receive financial Corona aid?

Persons who do not live in the canton of St.Gallen at the time of application are not entitled to financial Corona aid. Persons receiving social assistance and AHV or IV pension are also not entitled. Persons whose assets exceed a certain limit (single person CHF 4,000.–, married/cohabiting couple CHF 8,000.–, for each child an additional CHF 2,000.–, as a family a maximum of CHF 10,000.–) are also not entitled.

How and where can I submit a request for financial Corona aid?

You can submit your application electronically or in paper form to the social welfare office in your municipality of residence. The application form can be found at www.coronahilfe.sg.ch.

What do you need to know about financial Corona aid?

Financial Corona aid ...

- reduces pandemic-related income losses.
- does not have to be paid back.
- has no effect on your residency status.
- is subject to taxation.

FAQs

Where can I submit my application?

- You can submit your application online
- You can submit your application in paper form to the social welfare office of your municipality of residence
- You can complete and submit your application with the help of the counselling offices responsible for your municipality of residence.

How is my entitlement to financial Corona aid calculated?

In order to check whether you are entitled to financial Corona aid, your recognised expenses (living costs, rent, professional expenses, etc.) are compared with your allowable income (salary, child allowances, alimony, etc.) using the application form and the documents you have submitted. If this comparison results in a shortfall, you may be entitled to financial Corona aid to compensate for your loss of income. The last 12 months prior to the application are relevant.

I receive social assistance. Can I submit a request for financial Corona aid?

No. Recipients of social assistance do not belong to the entitlement group. Financial Corona aid is a complementary instrument to the existing social security system.

I receive an AHV or IV pension and also have a loss of income. Can I submit a request for financial Corona aid?

No. As a recipient of an AHV or IV pension, you may be entitled to supplementary benefits if your allowable expenses exceed your recognised income. In this case, please contact the social insurance institution of the canton of St.Gallen directly. www.svasg.ch/produkte/el/

I'm self-employed. Can I submit a request for financial Corona aid?

Financial Corona aid is intended solely for personal emergencies. If, as a self-employed person, you suffer losses (loss of earnings) because of the Corona measures in force, you are entitled to financial Corona aid as a private individual. Further support for your business is not available from financial Corona aid. Detailed information on hardship support in the canton of St.Gallen can be found here: [Kantonale Härtefallmassnahmen | sg.ch](http://Kantonale_Haerterfallmassnahmen_sg.ch)

I own residential property. Will it be included in the calculation of my assets?

No. Only assets that can be liquidated in the short term, such as cash or also shares, are considered assets. Long-term investment capital or other tied assets such as real estate are not counted.

I have been able to pay all my bills for the last few months but only because I borrowed money from people I know. Can I still apply for financial Corona aid?

Yes. Entitlement to financial Corona aid is calculated based on your income and allowable expenses. Borrowed money is not considered income.

I have received Covid aid for cultural workers. Can I still apply for financial Corona aid?

Yes. However, other support contributions from the government or relief agencies are considered income when calculating the entitlement for financial Corona aid. If your recognised income does not cover your allowable expenses despite receiving support contributions, you may be entitled to financial Corona aid. You can find more information on support contributions for the cultural sector here: [Coronavirus | sg.ch](http://Coronavirus_sg.ch)

What other help is available in connection with Corona in the canton of St.Gallen?

For more information, see the left-hand column at www.coronahilfe.sg.ch.