



## Acceptable Documents to Show Proof of Financial Hardship

Eligibility for Bridge requires that participants living in Lewis, Mason, Grays Harbor counties, or on Nisqually Tribal Land have an income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for the size of the household based on the most recently published poverty guidelines OR income at or below 65% of the area median income for the county and size of household based on the most recently published data.

If you have experienced a recent event that has impacted your current financial status, but is not evident in the required documents for eligibility, you may show proof of the financial hardship you are experiencing. The below chart shows acceptable documents that we will accept as proof, depending on the type of hardship you are experiencing.

Income Loss/Reduction	Acceptable Documentation
Lost Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unemployment Compensation Statement</li><li>• Termination/Furlough letter from Employer</li><li>• Pay stub from previous employer with indication that the place of employment has closed</li></ul>
Hours Reduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wage statements showing a reduction in hours and pay</li><li>• Letter from the Employer</li></ul>
Household expenses incurred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receipts from relocation expenses and rental fees, reasonably incurred late fees, Internet service, medical bills</li></ul>

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