

Food Stamp Program

You will be entitled to retroactive benefits only if you lived in the state of Nevada for a period of time between August 5, 1974, and November 18, 1974, or lived outside the State of Nevada for a period of time between August 5, 1974, through December 31, 1977, and were eligible for free food stamps at the time your benefits were denied or delayed.

You may be eligible for additional food stamps as the result of a recent court decision in *Aiken v. Obledo* regarding emergency issuance of food stamps. For several years, food stamp offices have been allowed to issue food stamps on an emergency basis -- without first requiring full proof of need for stamps -- to households with little or no income (usually less than \$90 per month). However, before food stamp offices would issue these stamps, they did have to either contact a person who was not a member of the household in order to get some confirmation of the household's need for stamps or have the household itself provide proof of its need. And no household was allowed to receive these emergency stamps more than once every six months. Now a Federal court has ruled that it was not legal to limit a household to emergency stamps only once every six months or to require confirmation of the household's need before the emergency stamps could be issued.

So, if you applied for or asked about food stamps since August 1974, you may be eligible for additional benefits or a reduction in your current purchase price, if you fit into either of the following groups:

- (1) You received food stamps at no cost but did not begin receiving the stamps in the same month you applied.
- (2) Even though your household has little or no income (this would most likely mean income of less than \$90 per month) you contacted a food stamp office but did not apply, or applied but did not follow up on your application, because you thought there would be difficulty or delay in obtaining proof of your need to receive stamps immediately. (Some although not all of the persons in these two groups will qualify for these additional benefits.)

If you think you fit into either of these groups, contact the welfare department nearest to you or contact the FNS Regional Office at the following address:

Western Region Food and Nutrition Service, USDA 550 Kearny Street San Francisco, California 94108

You do not have to be currently eligible for food stamps in order to get the month's worth of benefits you lost in the past.

BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Acme Electrical will install a traffic signal light at West Lake Mead and North Highland at a cost of \$27,530. This project is scheduled for completion before school opens in September this year.

Block Grant funds will also be used to install 17 street lights on West Washington Avenue between North "D" and North "H" Streets at a cost of \$20,874. This contract has also been let by the City of Las Vegas.

According to H. P. Fitzgerald, Director of the Westside Community Development Commission, these two Block Grant programs were approved for the 1977-78 program year.

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This organization was conceived January 17, 1978, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

This club will be known as the Fordyce Club of Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of this club is to reunite transplanted Fordyce people who now live in the city of Las Vegas, or the State of Nevada, into one big happy family, as we were in Fordyce, Arkansas.

1. To pledge ourselves to assist in any way for the well being of our members, as well as all Fordyce people living in the State of Nevada.
2. To offer a trophy and/or a scholarship to a deserving Black Student of Fordyce High School - in music, athletics, or scholastics.
3. To offer assistance or a trophy to any worthwhile project to improve conditions in Fordyce, or the surrounding area.
4. Each year this club will pay homage or

give honor to some member of this club; a former teacher, athlete, a student or some member selected by this organization.

CLUB PLEDGE

I, _____, do this day pledge myself to live up to the rules and bylaws of this club. To do everything in my power to see that no member of this club or anyone who has lived in Fordyce more than one (1) year will suffer for lack of attention in case of sickness, death or any unfortunate circumstances that should arise as long as I am physically able, so help me God.

Juanita Simmon, Pres.; E. M. Winfrey, Vice Pres.; Juanita Smith, Fin. Sec.; Owena Winfrey Rec. Sec.; Jewel Scott, Treasurer; Aubrey Baker, Parliamentarian; Jimmy Gay, Publicity Chairman & Advisor.



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