Informational Newsletter for English-Speaking Residents

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Important Notice for Households with Children (Excluding Single-Parent Households)

Applications are currently being accepted for the Special Stipend for Low-Income Households with Children Kosodate-setai Seikatsu Shien Tokubetsu Kyūfukin

子育て世帯生活支援特別給付金(ひとり親世帯以外分) 「ひろしま市民と市政」6月15日号

As a general measure to help with the cost of living, the City of Hiroshima will provide 50,000 yen to low-income households with children under the age of 18 (or 19 for those with disabilities).

- ★ Those who received the special stipend for fiscal year 2022 (FY 2022) do not need to apply; The City of Hiroshima will deposit the stipend into the bank account where you received the stipend for FY 2022.
- For more details about the stipend, please check the City of Hiroshima's official website (Japanese): https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/soshiki/84/332025.html



1. Allowance amount

50,000 yen/child

2. Those who must apply in order to receive the stipend

Those who are raising

- Children born between April 2, 2005 and February 29, 2024
- Children with disabilities born between April 2, 2003 and February 29, 2024

and fall under either Category ① or ② must apply.

Categories:

- ① Individuals who are exempt from paying residents tax for FY 2023
- ② Households whose income has decreased on or after January 1, 2023, due to the rising cost of living (food costs, etc.) and whose income is at the same level or lower than those eligible for exemption from residents tax.

Residents Tax for FY 2023 is a tax paid by those who have a registered Japanese address as of January 1, 2023, and earned income the previous year.

- It is not possible to receive multiple payments. Those who have already received the Stipend for Single-Parent Households, which is payable to those who are raising children under the age of 18 (or 19 years old if disabled) on their own due to divorce or the death of a spouse, are not eligible to receive this stipend.
- Those whose income, or whose spouse's income, is above a certain level are not eligible to receive this stipend.

■ Where to get an application form

Application forms can be downloaded on the official City website. You can also receive an application form at the Welfare Division (福祉課 *Fukushi Ka*) of your local ward office.

List of Welfare Divisions at local ward offices

Naka-ku	4-1-1 Ote-machi, Naka-ku
Higashi-ku	9-34 Higashi-kaniya-cho, Higashi-ku
Minami-ku	1-4-46 Minami-machi, Minami-ku
Nishi-ku	2-24-1 Fukushima-cho, Nishi-ku
Asaminami-ku	1-38-13 Nakasu, Asaminami-ku
Asakita-ku	3-19-22 Kabe, Asakita-ku
Aki-ku	3-2-16 Funakoshi-minami, Aki-ku
Saeki-ku	1-4-5 Kairoen, Saeki-ku

■ Where to submit the application

Please send applications via postal mail to the following office:

ひろしまちゅうおうゆうびんきょく ししょばこだい ごう 〒730-8790 広島中央郵便局私書箱第5号

To:

Processing Office for the FY 2023 Hiroshima City's Special Stipend for Low-Income Households with Children (Excluding Single-Parent Households)

Address: PO Box 5, Hiroshima Central Post Office, 730-8790

■ Application Deadline: February 29, 2024

You must apply for the stipend by February 29, 2024 (Thurs).

- ★ If you send it via postal mail, it must be postmarked by the date above.
- If your child is born in February 2024, you must send it via postal mail by March 15, 2024 (Fri).
 It must be postmarked by this date.
- If the City of Hiroshima cannot confirm your application by this date due to incomplete or missing documents, you will not be eligible to receive this stipend.

Support Centers

• For more details about the application, please call the following number:

<u>Hiroshima City Hall Call Center for the Special Stipend for Low-Income Households with Children (Kosodate-setai Seikatsu Shien Tokubetsu Kyūfukin)</u>

*Only available in Japanese

Phone: 0120-145-577 (Toll free) Fax: 082-504-2727

Hours of Operation: 8:30 am-5 pm

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and December 29-January 3

If you are not confident in your Japanese, please contact the office below:

Hiroshima City & Aki County International Resident Consultation Service

Phone: 082-241-5010 **E-mail:** soudan@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

Opening Days and Hours: Monday to Friday 9 am-4 pm

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, August 6, and December 29-January 3

Available Languages: Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese, English, and Filipino (Filipino language is only available on Fridays and 1st and 3rd Thursdays.)

