

CHAPTER 159.

[S. B. 108.]

SENIOR CITIZEN GRANTS.

AN ACT relating to eligibility for, and the payment of, senior citizen grants and amending sections 4 and 5, chapter 1, Laws of 1941.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Amendments. SECTION 1. That section 4, chapter 1, Laws of 1941 be amended to read as follows:

Section 4. *Eligibility.* Senior Citizen Grants shall be awarded to any person who is without resources who:

Age. (a) Has attained the age of sixty-five.

Income. (b) Has a yearly income which is less than \$430 and a monthly income which is less than \$40 or has income insufficient to meet his or her needs.

Residence. (c) Has been a resident of the State of Washington for at least five years within the last ten.

(d) Is not at the time of making application a permanent inmate of a public institution of a custodial, correctional or curative character.

(e) Has not made a voluntary assignment or transfer of property or cash for the purpose of qualifying for a Senior Citizen Grant.

SEC. 2. That section 5, chapter 1, Laws of 1941, be amended to read as follows:

Manner of payment. Section 5. *How and when grants shall be paid.* Senior Citizen Grants shall be awarded:

Minimum uniform payments. (a) To each eligible applicant sixty-five years of age or over in the sum of not less than \$40 per month on a uniform state-wide basis, minus the income and resources of applicant from other sources: *Provided,* That in the event an applicant's needs are in excess of \$40 per month, in determining the amount of his or her grant, any income or resource which applicant may have shall be utilized as a credit

against his or her total monthly need; but no grant as so computed shall exceed such sum of \$40 per month: *Provided further*, That in the event Federal matching funds shall be available in excess of \$20 per month per person, the grants shall be increased to not less than twice that amount, minus the income of applicant from other sources.

Maximum grant.

Federal matching funds.

(b) If the Federal government lowers the age limit at which matching funds will be granted for old age grants, then and in that event the state shall award Senior Citizen Grants of at least twice the maximum Federal funds available per person per month to all eligible above the age as established by the Federal government, such grants to be awarded on the terms and conditions as provided for in section 5, subsection (a).

(c) Upon approval of an application, the grant shall be paid as of the date of application.

Grants paid immediately.

Passed the Senate February 18, 1943.

Passed the House March 9, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1943.