

Assistance Available for People with Disabilities with COVID-19 Related Needs

The Blue Ridge Independent Living Center (BRILC) is a private, non-profit, disability advocacy organization serving the Roanoke Valley. People of all ages with significant disabilities can participate in advocacy, peer mentoring, independent living skills training, transition from facilities and schools, and information and referral activities.

COVID-19 has resulted in people with disabilities having needs that BRILC may be able to address.

Assistance may be available to people who meet the following criteria:

- Person with a significant disability
- Need for assistance is because of COVID-19
- No other source to pay for needed assistance

Funding is available to assist people with significant disabilities who have a need due to COVID-19. **Depending on the person's needs and circumstances, BRILC may be able to provide the following:**

- Personal protective equipment including face masks and gloves;
- Household cleaning supplies such as wipes and disinfectant spray;
- Utility payments;
- Rent or mortgage assistance;
- Life sustaining food;
- Electronic devices for people who need to receive medical services through telehealth;
- For people with significant disabilities who are homeless:
 - Household items needed to set up a household;
 - Rental and utility security deposits;
 - First two month's rent; and
 - Motel lodging for people who are homeless and in the process of securing housing.

How to Apply:

1. The person with a disability should call Katherine Wells at **540-342-1231** or VA Relay **711**

OR

2. Send the reason for the request via email to kwells@brilc.org or fax **540-342-9505**. The reason

for the request should include the following information:

- a. Person's name, phone number, and email address (if available);
- b. Brief description about what is needed because of COVID-19;
- c. What COVID-19 related event occurred resulting in these needs;
- d. What COVID-19 related need exists for these items; and,
- e. Why you are unable to obtain these items.