

X. Lien on Real Property & Civil Judgments

As required by law (RSA 165:28), the City will place a lien on any real property owned by a recipient of General Assistance except for just cause. Such a lien will remain in effect during the recipient's lifetime or until the amount of General Assistance provided by the City Welfare Department is repaid. Interest will accrue at 6% per annum after the first twelve months. The property does not need to be a primary residence of the recipient or located in Berlin for the City to place a lien on it.

The City is also entitled to a lien for the amount of assistance granted to a recipient of General Assistance upon property passing under the terms of a will or by intestate succession, a property settlement or a civil judgment awarded for personal injuries. The City is entitled to the lien only if the assistance was granted no more than 6 years before the receipt of the inheritance or award (RSA 165:28-a).

XI. Work Program

The City Welfare Department may require a recipient of general assistance to participate in the City's Work Program for all or any portion of assistance it provides, at a job that is within his or her capacity, as a condition of continued eligibility for assistance. The person will not be paid cash wages for such work, but rather will work off the cash value of assistance given at the rate of exchange equivalent to the prevailing wage for the kind of work performed in the City as determined by the municipality's pay schedules prevailing at the time of application for assistance. The amount an assisted person may be required to reimburse the City for aid received shall be reduced by the credits received from participation in the Work Program (RSA 165: 31).