

Local Welfare  
Organizations

11.04 The Consul should familiarize himself with all local arrangements for relief and assistance to destitute persons. Ordinarily applicants for assistance should be referred to local welfare authorities, who are equipped to grant financial and other assistance to persons who become destitute in the district.

Emergency  
Advances

11.05 a. If, however, by reason of theft of funds or similar emergency a Canadian citizen is destitute, interim financial assistance may be advanced in order that the applicant may telegraph home for funds and obtain inexpensive lodging and food in the meantime. Such assistance may be given on the distinct understanding that there is no commitment to make further advances.

b. A written undertaking to repay must be obtained. If more than one adult is included, e.g., husband and wife, each should sign the undertaking to repay. Signatures must be witnessed (Annex A).

Funds in  
Canada

11.06 a. If the person in need of assistance has no funds in Canada which he can obtain by telegraph, inquiry should be made as to what assets he has in Canada and whether any friends or relatives in Canada may be prepared to guarantee the repayment of any funds advanced. (Application form Annex A to this Chapter). A telegram is to be sent to the Department giving in full the name of the applicant, home address, circumstances of destitution, person in Canada who can undertake the repayment and an estimate of amount and the purpose for which it is required.