

11.2 Definitions

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the following meaning:

1. **Applying household** – Means the applicant and:
 - a. A legal spouse residing with the applicant
 - b. A person residing with the applicant with whom the applicant has minor children in common.

2. **Countable Income** – Means the total earned income and unearned income.

3. **Director** – Means the director of the General Assistance Program for Linn County.

4. **Disability** – Means a physical or mental condition of a person, documented by a licensed medical practitioner that results in the person being unable, in light of their training and education, to engage in activities necessary to receive wages or other earned income.

5. **Earned Income** – Means income including, but not limited to, wages, salaries, fees, or exchanged services derived from labor, professional service, or self-employment.

6. **Exempt Resource** – Means equity in various items of real and personal property as established by resolution of the Linn County Board of Supervisors.

7. **Home Mortgage** – Means a mortgage with first priority recorded upon property owned by the applicant which is the applicant's primary residence.

8. **Ongoing** – Replacement word for individuals meeting the Iowa Code definition of "Poor".

9. **Resource** – Means all cash equivalents and any property which can be converted to cash to meet needs.

10. **Unearned Income** – Means all income derived from invested capital, child support payments, alimony, inheritances, gifts, public assistance, benefit and pension programs, Social Security Payments, or any other type of monetary payment not defined as earned income.

i. Resolution: Pursuant to 11.2(9) the following shall be considered exempt resources:

- a. Wedding rings from current marriage
- b. Household furniture and appliances
- c. One burial lot or funeral trust fund per individual
- d. Equity in one homestead within Linn County, per applying household, not to exceed \$50,000 based on assessed value.
- e. Equity in one motor vehicle registered in Linn County, per applying household, not to exceed \$5000 based on Kelly Blue Book trade in value.
- f. Equity in tools and equipment used for self-support by members of the applying household not to exceed \$1500.
- g. Equity in personal effects (clothing, jewelry, cell phones, etc.) not to exceed \$250 per individual.