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City Grocery Assistance Program to Hold Application Processing Day on February 10, 2023

WESTMINSTER, Calif. – The City of Westminster is hosting an application processing day for the Westminster First Grocery Assistance Program on February 10, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Services Building located at 8200 Westminster Blvd.

At the November 9, 2022 City Council meeting, the City Council unanimously approved a grocery gift card program to assist residents over the age of 55 or veterans. The program, funded by federal COVID-19 relief funds, is intended to assist residents with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program authorizes a \$100 gift card to be provided to eligible seniors and veterans who live in Westminster.

Eligible residents are required to submit an application form and proof of residency, age, and veteran status if applicable; valid identification such as a driver's license; and receipts dated after November 21, 2022 that total \$100 pre-tax in groceries from a grocery store or general purpose store in Westminster.

Residents may line up beginning 9:45 a.m. and must be in line by 2 p.m. to be served. Gift cards are limited to one per resident, and those who have previously applied cannot reapply. Eligible application must be present to receive gift card. Gift cards are available while supplies last. Due to the overwhelming response during the first round of gift cards, expect long wait times during the application processing day.

Any gift cards remaining will be processed on a subsequent application day on February 22, 2023 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For updates on the program, call Community Services and Recreation at (714) 895-2860 or (714) 548-3178 (Vietnamese/Tiếng Việt), or check the city's <u>website</u> for updates.