

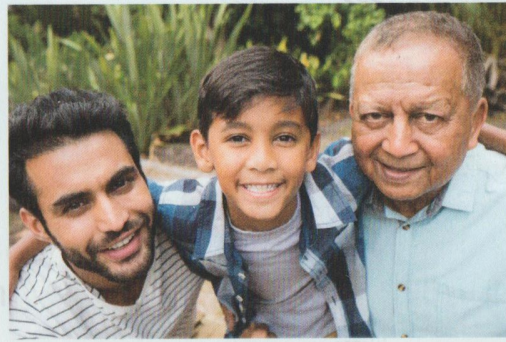
Meet Portage Township Trustee Jason Critchlow

Jason is a graduate of Washington High School, he earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Indiana University, and spent many years working as a healthcare administrator. Jason is a committed advocate for working families who believes everyone deserves to be safe, healthy, and economically secure and strives for fair treatment and better outcomes for all.



The **Township Board** is committed to these same goals and are responsible for managing the township budget and assistance eligibility requirements. The current Board Members are Cheryl Ashe, Muhammad Shabazz, and Ryan Hill. Both the Township Trustee and Board are elected to 4 year terms.

Want to Get Help? Check inside for a full listing of all the ways we can help and general eligibility requirements.



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What is Portage Township?

Portage Township encompasses the majority of the city of South Bend, is one of the largest townships in the state, and is managed by an elected Trustee.

Township governments have various responsibilities, but the primary focus of the Portage Township Trustee's office is to provide temporary emergency assistance to residents.



We seek to empower our community and help residents build better futures for themselves by providing assistance during moments of crisis to bridge the gap and help township residents build strong futures—economically, socially, and civically.

How We Can Help

The Portage Township Trustee's Office can help residents with any of the following financial challenges:

- Rent
- Utilities, including:
 - Electricity
 - Gas
 - Water/Sewer
- Medical Expenses
- Food/Non Food
- Burial/Cremation Expenses

We also help you assess whether you have applied for all other sources of assistance as well to ensure your needs are met.

Eligibility

To be eligible for assistance from the Trustee's Office, you must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Be a resident of Portage Township (check portage-township.com/about-portage-township)
- Have a household income that does not exceed current thresholds.
- Be employed or unable to work after exhausting all personal efforts
- Complete the full application procedure, including submission of required documentation.

Documentation Needed to Apply for Aid

To consider your request, we need to review the following items:

- The Social Security cards and birth certificates/IDs for the applicant, spouse, and all dependents.
- Lay-off or wage verification from a most recent employer
- Application verification for unemployment compensation, child support, or other assistance agencies
- Contact information for landlord or mortgage holder
- Original utility bills
- Verification of all income sources
- Receipts for income spent in the past 60 days
- Referrals from other agencies
- Other items as required



How to Get Started: Ready to submit your application for assistance? If so, head to portage-township.com for more information or reach out to our office at 574-233-2126 during normal business hours.