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Food Stamps to Help Low-Income Families in Russian Regions

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The Russian region of Ulyanovsk will introduce food stamps in May to help low-income families amid the severe economic downturn, state newspaper Rossiiskaya Gazeta reported Tuesday.

Eligible residents will be given cards with 1,000 ruble ($15) monthly allowances to be used on staple foods such as bread, buckwheat, vegetables and eggs.

Authorities expect residents to be able to buy up to 20 items with the allowances, the report said. Ulyanovsk is a rural region about 900 kilometers east of Moscow.

Other Russian regions are also developing anti-crisis initiatives to help residents amid the economic slump, with food stamps being introduced in the Kirov region as well.

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