



## Emergency Fund

### Grant Program Overview

Grants provided through the Barbara and Stephen Miller Foundation Emergency Fund are targeted to low-income individuals in need of one-time financial assistance aimed at keeping the recipient sustainable.

Examples of financial challenges that may qualify for a grant:

- To secure a job, an otherwise qualified individual needs to earn certification in their field or secure a driver's license.
- To keep federal benefits, an individual who is otherwise stable needs help to pay a utility bill that exceeds their budgeted amount because of the government's prior miscalculation of benefits.
- To secure an apartment for which they can otherwise afford the monthly rent, a family needs cash as a security deposit down payment.

As a "safety net" resource in such cases, the foundation works with qualified partner organizations to provide funds quickly and directly to help individuals. It is not the aim of the foundation to provide ongoing support to individuals or families, but to target those situations where there is a one-time problem to be overcome with a relatively modest grant amount (\$1,000 or less).

## Emergency Fund Criteria

The foundation has established the following guidelines in providing emergency grant assistance through our qualified partner organizations:

- One-time assistance
- Grant amount of \$1,000 or less
- Amount of emergency grant is sufficient to fix a specific problem.
- All other options to alleviate problem have been exhausted.
- Grantee must be sustainable after problem is remedied.
- The foundation does not accept applications from individuals.