

Family Crisis Program Grant Guidelines

Family Crisis Program Purpose:

The Family Crisis Fund is dedicated to filling a need in Winnebago County by providing assistance for the relief of the economically disadvantaged who have experienced a profound human crisis.

Eligibility

To be eligible for assistance from the Family Crisis Program, applicants must reside in Winnebago County and any distribution must qualify as a charitable distribution for the relief of the economically disadvantaged.

Criteria:

Grants assist individuals and families who:

- Have experienced a profound crisis for which funding will provide a solution and a stabilizing influence on their life.
- Have exhausted all other resources available to them.
- Are working with a service provider.
- Satisfy the Referring Agency's family income requirements and demonstrate financial need.
- Submit a complete application providing evidence of need (see application.)

What we will not fund:

- Work already completed
- Debt reduction – such as Pay Day loans, excessive credit card debt, etc.
- Structural improvements to Rental Property

Deadlines:

Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Application Process:

- Service providers must complete the application and submit to Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging (NIAAA) for older adult applicants or Rockford Human Services Department (RHSD) for all other applicants.
- NIAAA or RHSD will approve or decline the application based on criteria listed above.
- Grants may be made for up to \$1,000 per request, not to exceed a \$1,500 lifetime limit. All requests will be treated on a case-by-case basis.
- If an individual requires more than \$1,000, a complete funding package must be in place before submitting an application.

*****Applications or attachments submitted on a Friday or the day before a holiday may not be reviewed until the next business day.***

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Contact: Older adults: Northwestern Illinois Area on Aging at (815) 226-4901. All other applicants: Rockford Human Services Department at (844)710-6919.