Helping Hands Grants

The Butler Foundation helps people in need, *as directly as possible*.

In keeping with this mission, the Foundation’s *Helping Hands* grants provide help and hope to Northern Kentuckians in crisis. *Helping Hands* hardship grants may be made on a **one-time basis**, and only as a **last resort**. These grants provide for basic needs such as:

- wheelchairs, ramps, dentures, eyeglasses, or other necessary medical equipment
- security deposits, rent, or utilities to secure or maintain safe, affordable housing
- critical prescription medications not covered by insurance or Medicaid
- car repairs that are essential to maintaining a job or accessing medical care

All *Helping Hands* requests must come through one of the Foundation’s established charity referral partners. If the request is approved, the Foundation then issues a check to the referral partner, and the partner manages the grant.

**What does “one-time basis” mean?**
Because our funding is limited, an individual or family is only eligible for one *Helping Hands* grant from the Foundation. Once the grant is made, the family cannot re-apply through any referral partner for another need.

**What does “last resort” mean?**
Referral partners must first tap into any other resources available to meet the need before requesting a *Helping Hands* grant. By making a request, they are certifying that all other sources – including other government and private funding sources, family and friends of the client – have been exhausted.

**What other factors are considered?**
*Helping Hands* grants are intended to improve the long-term quality of life for our low income neighbors, or to stop a short-term crisis from spiraling downward into situation from which a family cannot recover. The grant should be a bridge to stability for an individual or situation, not a temporary band-aid. For that reason, we decline funding if it seems that making the grant would simply defer the problem until a later date.

**How does someone request a grant?**
Established referral partners can apply on behalf of individuals they serve. Individuals cannot apply. See the current list of referral partners. Requests are considered on a rolling basis.
2018 Helping Hands Grant Referral Partners

BAWAC
Be Concerned
Brighton Center
Campbell County Schools
Catholic Charities, Inc.
Center for Independent Living Options (CILO)
Children, Inc.
Children’s Law Center
Covington Independent Public Schools/Project Home
ECHO/Hosea House
Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky
Erlanger/Elsmere Schools
Faith Community Pharmacy
Family Promise of Northern Kentucky
Henry Hosea House
Legal Aid of the Bluegrass
Life Learning Center
Madison Avenue Christian Church
Madonna House of Northern Kentucky
Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky
Newport Independent Schools
Northern Kentucky Area Development District
Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission (NKCAC)
Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department
NorthKey Community Care
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Elizabeth Healthcare
St. Elizabeth Physicians
The Salvation Army
United Christian Volunteers
United Ministries
Welcome House
Women’s Crisis Center