

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.

