



Fellowship Housing Opportunities, Inc.

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Special Needs Fund

The Special Needs Fund has been established to help those individuals living in our housing programs with direct financial support for items or services needed when no other assistance is available.

The average income of our renters is less than \$6500 per year. From this income they are responsible for paying rent, purchasing food, and covering all other personal expenses.

With such low income, most find it necessary to purchase clothing at discount stores and thrift shops. Many get haircuts infrequently due to the cost. For most it is a great expense to pay for a non-driver's identification, let alone obtain a driver's license. Often medically necessary items such as a blood pressure cuff for an individual who needs to read their pressure daily are also not affordable. Instead, the renter has to find a resource in the community to visit daily for blood pressure readings.

With such things a difficulty to obtain, there is virtually no possibility of our renters being able to make a major purchase such as a bicycle or a television set without financial assistance.

Fellowship Housing has established a panel of staff members and renters to evaluate applications for Special Funds. Individuals applying for Special Funds are expected to contribute a portion of the overall expense of an item or service, with the bulk of the cost being covered by the Special Needs Fund. Individuals must show that they have exhausted all other funding possibilities before funds from the Special Needs Fund are granted.

Once approved, the amount of assistance and the timeframe for offering assistance will be established and communicated in writing to the applicant and other interested parties.