

Senior Caring Fund FAQ

What is the Senior Caring Fund?

The Senior Caring Fund (SCF), launched by a grant from the Pasadena Community Foundation, supports older adults (50+) in the Greater San Gabriel Valley who have health-related needs that can benefit from a purchase of equipment, services or supplies that cannot be obtained through other informal or formal sources. SCF is funded thanks to the generosity of the Sainer Family Endowment for Senior Care, continued support from the Pasadena Community Foundation, and other community donors.

What types of items and services are eligible for this grant?

Grants are provided for health-related items and services such as eyeglasses; blood pressure monitors; replacement of lost/damaged dentures; a utility payment to prevent adverse health outcomes in very cold/very hot weather; minor home modifications for improved safety; small appliances; grocery items, etc.

Is there a maximum amount of funds that can be requested?

Requests should be for a one-time or short-term need not to exceed a cost of \$500. However, applications requesting more than \$500 will be accepted and considered. Applicants can apply more than once.

How does someone qualify for a grant?

- Applicants must live in the Greater San Gabriel Valley and be 50 years or older.
- Applicants must have a health-related need they cannot afford and are not able to obtain through formal or informal sources.
- Applications must be submitted by a health or social services professional.

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How do I apply?

Applicants must have a health or social services professional submit the application on their behalf. Please contact a professional you know well, such as a social worker or physician, to help you with the application.

Why does the application need to be completed by a professional representative?

The Senior Caring Fund provides limited support for a health-related purchase and does not cover any staff time for assessment of need, nor assistance with obtaining needed services or items beyond the grant provided. Therefore, SCF relies on the assessment and follow-up assistance of a professional representative to work with the applicant in performing these functions.

What does “responsible party” mean?

An applicant may be unable to consent to applying, and may have selected or assigned someone else to make decisions on their behalf to consent to applying. If this is the case, the responsible party (conservator or agent designated in writing or verbally) should consent to the application on behalf of the applicant.

How are applications submitted?

Health and social services professionals can submit applications via an online link. If you need the link emailed to you or are unable to submit through the electronic form, please contact us and we will make arrangements to accept the application.

Does the application require a signature?

The online application does not require a wet signature. The professional representative should confirm that the applicant agrees with the submission. An attestation section of the online form will verify this agreement.

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