

Field of Interest Guidelines for Medical/Benevolence Fund Disbursements

The medical/benevolence fund is intended to be a source of last resort. It is to be used when the family or individual requesting assistance has explored all other possibilities of help. This fund is temporary only for a time of crisis. A benevolent fund is intended to fill a short-term need of six months or less.

Those requesting help must be willing to give the Benevolence Fund Committee permission to follow up on information pertaining to the request of the fund.

Criteria:

The purpose of the benevolence fund is to meet people's basic needs. These needs are defined as:

- Housing, rent, or lodging
- Food
- Clothing
- Medical treatment
- Transportation to or from place of employment
- Phone/internet services
- Professional counseling appointments
- Treatment or rehabilitation facilities
- Funeral expenses

Needs that may not be met by the benevolence fund include:

- Purchase or reimbursement for any personal assets including but not limited to computers, smart phones or personal electronics, etc.
- Business investments, or anything that brings financial profit to the individual or family
- Paying of credit cards. Exceptions can be made when an individual has had to use credit cards in a crisis or emergency (e.g. hospitalization, death, etc.)
- Needs of individuals who are wanted by the law or for paying fines as a result of breaking the law
- Legal fees
- Penalties relating to late payments or irresponsible actions
- Business ventures or investments
- Fees associate with cable television or streaming services