Family Crisis Program
Grant Guidelines

Family Crisis Program Purpose:
The Family Crisis Fund is dedicated to filling a need in Winnebago County by providing assistance for the relief of the economically disadvantaged who have experienced a profound human crisis.

Eligibility
To be eligible for assistance from the Family Crisis Program, applicants must reside in Winnebago County and any distribution must qualify as a charitable distribution for the relief of the economically disadvantaged.

Criteria:
Grants assist individuals and families who:
• Have experienced a profound crisis for which funding will provide a solution and a stabilizing influence on their life.
• Have exhausted all other resources available to them.
• Are working with a service provider.
• Satisfy the Referring Agency’s family income requirements and demonstrate financial need.
• Submit a complete application providing evidence of need (see application.)

What we will not fund:
• Work already completed
• Debt reduction – such as Pay Day loans, excessive credit card debt, etc.
• Structural improvements to Rental Property

Deadlines:
Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Application Process:
• Service providers must complete the application and submit to Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging (NIAAA) for older adult applicants or Rockford Human Services Department (RHSD) for all other applicants.
• NIAAA or RHSD will approve or decline the application based on criteria listed above.
• Grants may be made for up to $1,000 per request, not to exceed a $1,500 lifetime limit. All requests will be treated on a case-by-case basis.
• If an individual requires more than $1,000, a complete funding package must be in place before submitting an application.

**Applications or attachments submitted on a Friday or the day before a holiday may not be reviewed until the next business day.

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Contact: Older adults: Northwestern Illinois Area on Aging at (815) 226-4901. All other applicants: Rockford Human Services Department at (844)710-6919.

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