



MUTUAL AID FUND



The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless Mutual Aid Fund will provide one-time emergency grants of up to \$500 to individuals or families experiencing homelessness, including people who are unsheltered, staying at a shelter, or living doubled-up with family or friends. Those who were previously homeless and are now at risk of becoming homeless again are also welcome to apply.

All applications received within the five-day application window will receive equal weight and review. All information provided on the application is confidential and will not be shared outside of the review committee or the organization.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be 18 years or older OR an unaccompanied youth 16 years or older,
- An Illinois resident, and
- Homeless or previously homeless and at risk of becoming homeless again (includes people who are unsheltered, staying at a shelter, or living doubled-up with family or friends)

Undocumented individuals and permanent residents are welcome to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

APPLY MONDAY, MAY 11 THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 15
AT WWW.CHICAGOHOMELESS.ORG/MAF
OR BY CALLING 312-641-4148 BETWEEN 11AM - 3PM

Outside of those hours or if phone lines are busy, applicants can leave a message with their phone number and receive a call back. Online and phone applications are available in English and Spanish.

WHO WILL REVIEW MY APPLICATION?

A selection committee of CCH grassroots leaders will determine who receives grants through this fund, with support from CCH community organizers. Leaders are low-income volunteers with lived experience of homelessness who participate as partners in our advocacy. They are uniquely positioned to be decision-makers in distributing these funds.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I RECEIVE?

Individuals may request any amount up to \$500. Funds will be awarded at the discretion of the application review committee, and is dependent on the availability of funds.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF MY APPLICATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED OR DENIED?

Applicants will be notified within 30 days. However, we hope to have applications approved as quickly as possible. Once you have been notified of approval, you can expect the funds to be distributed within 30 days. We will work to approve funds as quickly as possible.

HOW WILL I RECEIVE THE FUNDS?

Funds can be awarded in the form of paper/electronic checks, gift cards, or Zelle. We currently **do not** have the ability to award funds in cash or through other mobile applications (Venmo, CashApp etc.).

MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE AT WWW.CHICAGOHOMELESS.ORG/MUTUALAIDFAQ

QUESTIONS? EMAIL MUTUALAID@CHICAGOHOMELESS.ORG
DONATE TO THE FUND AT WWW.CHICAGOHOMELESS.ORG/MUTUALAID