
Guidelines

What is the Angel Fund?

The Angel Fund provides small grants to individuals in Humboldt County for medical or health related needs. The Angel Fund is a program of the Humboldt Health Foundation who provides ongoing funding for these grants. HHF's mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of the residents and communities of Humboldt County.

Who can apply?

- Applications must be made through a qualified sponsor, such as a recognized social service agency, school counselor or medical provider, where the sponsor is working in a professional capacity to address the community member's health and wellness needs.
- **Applicants may not apply for themselves.**
- This sponsor takes on the responsibility of administering the grant if the application is approved.
- Applications cannot be submitted by the sponsor for payment of their goods or services.

What are the Grant Requirements?

- The Angel Fund is designed to provide assistance with medical and healthcare related needs for residents of Humboldt County.
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- Funds are granted on a **one time basis per person per 365 day period.**
- Items that are of a recurrent nature are generally not funded.
- Funding will not be provided for items that have other identifiable sources of funding, either from insurance, government organizations or other charitable organizations.
- The fund serves the needs of both children and adults, regardless of immigration status.
- The fund cannot pay for expenses already incurred.
- Decisions to grant funds are contingent upon funding criteria and the availability of funds at the time of review.
- Grants in excess of \$500 are seldom approved, and most grants fall within the range of \$50-\$250.
- There is a **two week turn-around time required** for application review and check processing. Occasionally the committee will ask for additional information before making a decision. This can result in a longer turn-around time. During the pandemic, it can take 3-4 weeks for checks to be received, if applications are approved.
- The Angel Fund Committee meets every Tuesday, with the exception of holidays.
- **All applications must be complete and submitted by 5:00p.m. on Thursday to be considered by the committee on Tuesday.** Grant should be submitted using our online portal at hhfgrants.smapply.io

Who to contact:

- Get in touch with your doctor's office, social worker, or other entity who will act as your sponsor.
- For questions, call Humboldt Health Foundation at **707 442-2417** or email info@humhealth.org.
- Questions about an application that has already been submitted? Contact your sponsor for a status update.

Medical /Dental Travel Grant Requirements

The purpose of a Medical/ Dental Travel Grant is to assist individuals that have no choice but to leave our area to seek medical care. Whenever possible we hope that local medical resources have been fully researched before patients are sent on long trips that can be expensive and exhausting.

To apply for Medical Travel funding through the Angel Fund, we require the following information in addition to the completed Angel Fund request form:

- Written verification of the patient's appointment
- Date of travel (Completed applications must be submitted at least 2 weeks before appointment)
- Name of physician and facility the client is traveling to
- Purpose of appointment
- Explanation of the diagnosis
- Whether a local specialist was considered
- Whether the person is also receiving travel funds from other organizations

The Angel Fund does not pay costs for travel that has already occurred. The appointment must be upcoming.

Please note:

- Due to COVID-19 office hours and social distancing measures, it may take another week for the check to reach the hands of the person in need of assistance.
 - Please submit requests at least two weeks in advance of the patient's travel date to ensure funding is available before the patient has to leave the area.
 - **The maximum we give to help with travel depends on the distance the patient will have to travel one way.**
 - **For travel distances under 250 miles, the maximum we will fund is \$250.**
 - **For travel distances over 250 miles, the maximum we will fund is \$300.**
 - While we understand that this amount does not cover the client's total costs, the Foundation is able to assist over 300 local families with medical travel per year by maintaining this amount.
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Regularly Considered (List is not prioritized):
Please include itemized prices in the application description

- Medically related examinations, procedures and equipment, including abortion services (*when not covered through insurance*)
- Eyeglasses / Vision Services (\$130.00 maximum) (*requires a copy of the prescription if exam has already been completed, and only secondary after insurance priority*)
- Medical and Dental related travel (*requires verification of appointment*)
- Items to improve accessibility/independence for disabled or elderly individuals
- Orthopedic needs (\$180 maximum)
- Compression stockings
- Air Purifiers/ Dehumidifiers
- Local Bus Passes and Dial-a-Ride (for transportation to medical appointments)
- Wheelchair accessibility items
- Prescriptions (*emergency, short-term*)
- Physical Therapy and/or Equipment
- Minor home repairs (*if related to a medical, safety, accessibility or independence need*)
- Counseling for Mental and Behavioral Health, particularly during times of crisis

The following items are not generally considered by the Angel Fund:

Adult Dental Care	Rent/Deposits/Utility Bills
Dentures	Car Payments/Vehicle Maintenance
Hearing Aids	Pet Health and Wellness or Training
Lift Chair	Driver's License
Acupuncture/Massage	Driver Ed Class
Care Providers	Waste Removal
Weight Loss Programs	Smoke Alarms
CPAP Machines	Wood for Stove
Counseling (long term)	Baby Items
Aerochamber	Child Care
Burial/Cremation Costs	Parenting Classes
Tattoo Removal	Woodstove Barriers/Fireplace Gates
Personal music devices/tablet	Summer Camps
Personal Cell Phone	
Vision Therapy	