

Facts About CSA's Emergency Assistance Fund

CSA's Emergency Assistance Fund is designed to help union members with financial crises which they are experiencing through no fault of their own. Resources for the fund are generated through the annual Bowling and Golf Tournaments and through contributions of local unions who wish their members to be eligible for assistance. Each year we are able to help approximately 200 families with emergency needs.

Eligibility- you MAY be eligible for assistance if your local union is an affiliate of the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO AND you have an emergency need which can be documented.

Please note: No one is entitled to funds or to any particular amount of funds. The fund's ability to help is dependent on your situation and the amount of money in the fund.

You will need to provide CSA with:

- 1- Information about the nature of your problem and why you are having that problem.
- 2- Documents verifying financial need including utility cut-off notices, landlord-tenant action if behind in rent, notices from lenders if behind in mortgage, information about household income, etc. These can be faxed to 202 974-8152.
- 3- Information about any help you have received from other social services organizations, or where you have sought additional help.
- 4- If you have some, but not all, of the funds you need, we will need to see a money order made payable to the creditor for your amount- we cannot accept copies of handwritten checks.

CSA is UNABLE to help if:

- 1- The funds from CSA plus whatever other funds you may have or which we can identify from other agencies will not solve the problem. For example, if gas has been cut-off, and we cannot put together the total amount to get it turned back on, the fund cannot help.
- 2- Bills are not in your name.
- 3- The problem is not of an emergency nature.
- 4- **PLEASE NOTE-** CSA will NOT pay cable TV bills, credit card payments, tax payments nor similar non-emergency expenses.