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## Guidelines for a Community Connection Grant

Psych Central Community Connection Grants are made on an ongoing basis to help Psych Central community members meet a debt need or pay a creditor for the basics of living -- shelter, water, electricity or food. These small personal grants are intended for people to meet an unexpected or emergency financial expense that an individual could not have anticipated or prepared for. These grants are meant to help keep the lights on or put food on the table.

The goal of these grants is to help ensure that an otherwise self-sufficient individual does not fall into unmanageable debt or enter into a cycle of poverty that would be difficult to climb out of.

Any qualified individual living in the United States may apply for a Community Fund Grant. The maximum grant available under this program is \$500.00. An individual can receive this grant only once.

### **Specific Grant Guidelines:**

- Please fill out the Grant Application form
- You must be a member in good standing of the Psych Central Community for at least one year
- You must have an immediate, emergency, one-time need
- You must be at least 18 years old
- You must be a resident of the United States
- You can only apply on behalf of yourself
- You must have access to a computer and photocopier
- You must have exhausted all other resources for funding first
- Your grant request must be under \$500.00
- You should demonstrate that the grant will have a significant or immediate impact on your life
- Proof of outstanding bills or debt is required (e.g., photocopies of bills)
- Only one grant per member per lifetime will be granted if the other guidelines met

All grant applications will be reviewed by the Community Fund Grant Application Committee on an as-needed basis, and decisions rendered within 5 business days. The Grant Application Committee's decision for approval or rejection of a grant application is final.

Members who donate can gain access to the private Supporters Forum if they choose. Members can donate any amount they want, but we encourage only giving what you truly can afford. Even \$5 helps out.