



Emergency Fund
Helping people today for tomorrow

Emergency Fund Resume

The Emergency Fund provides immediate financial assistance to help low income Chicago area individuals and families through a crisis or transition.

Expertise

The Emergency Fund is Chicago's leader in preventing homelessness, as a provider of immediate financial assistance for the past 36 years. In the few short decades of existence, the Emergency Fund has helped tens of thousands of individuals who need it the most. Our expertise is recognized by our community's leaders - the Emergency Fund was chosen to steward the State of Illinois Homelessness Prevention Fund, the City of Chicago Homelessness Prevention Fund, and most recently, funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Unique

The Emergency Fund is the only organization of its kind in the Chicagoland area; in fact, there are few organizations like us in the United States. We provide targeted, immediate financial assistance coupled with wrap around services through our network of 57 partner agencies.

Innovative

We provide immediate financial assistance to help individuals and families through a temporary crisis or transition. There is no red tape; we have no bureaucracies; and every cent you give goes to helping these individuals and their families through our Financial Assistance Program.

Far Reaching

The Emergency Fund serves the entire city of Chicago and suburbs through its network of 56 partner agencies. These agencies represent the best of the best social and human service organizations. People in need of assistance can access our Financial Assistance by walking in to a partner agency or by calling 3 - 1 - 1 and asking for "Short - Term Help" to be connected to the Chicago Homelessness Prevention Call Center. At each agency, a Fund Manager assesses a family's needs and determines the eligibility for a wide array of programs and services, including the Emergency Fund's Financial Assistance Program.

Effective Model

Our service delivery model is responsive and cost effective. Fund Managers have immediate access to the Emergency Fund, allowing them to respond to a family's need within hours or days - not weeks or months. Also, our Fund Managers are experts in their field and are able to leverage other community resources to help our clients in the most effective way.

High Return on Investment

Because our Fund Managers are employed by our partners, we are able to keep our costs to a minimum. In fact, 100% of your contribution is directed exclusively to our program because our small amount of overhead costs are covered by contributions from the Norman H. Stone Foundation, The Owens Foundation, Board contributions, and special events. By contributing to the Emergency Fund, our donors know their dollars go where it matters most - to people in need.

Replicable

Our model is simple and easy to replicate in other communities; as a matter of fact, the Emergency Fund is currently in the process of formalizing and documenting our best practices to have on hand should another community be interested in starting a similar organization.