Catholic Charities...Mother and Child Assistance Fund

GUIDELINES FOR FUND APPROVAL

Catholic Charities Mother and Child fund will consider applications made by woman during their pregnancy or while parenting a child under one year of age. Applicants will meet with a social worker to discuss the situation and look at all possible referrals in addition to submitting an application. Applicants can receive one time funding from one of the following categories:

Amount of grants are subject to the availability of funds.

1. RENT – Catholic Charities pays rent only and does not pay deposits. Payments made up to $500.

2. MEDICAL – Catholic Charities will assist in paying for medical bills related to prenatal care, labor, and delivery. Medical assistance and insurance must first be investigated and used. Bill must be submitted after the baby is born. Payments made up to $400.

3. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE – Catholic Charities will assist in paying for women looking to receive continuing education. Financial aid must first be investigated. Payments made up to $300.

4. DOULA SERVICES – Catholic Charities will assist in paying for services provided for a doula during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and postpartum. Payments made up to $300.

5. CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE – Catholic Charities will assist in paying for child care for one week of care by a licensed daycare provider. Child Care Assistance should first be investigated. Payments made up to $150.

6. PARENTING EDUCATION – Catholic Charities will assist in paying for parenting classes. Payments made up to $100.

7. UTILITIES – Catholic Charities will consider utilities on a case by case basis where the client has been shut off or has received a shut off notice. Payments made up to $300.

All payments will be made directly to the service provider after a land lord or service provider statement is submitted along with the application. Payments will not be made to clients. Payments will be made after services are received.

The Mother and Child Assistance fund is supported by generous donations and the Baby Bottle Campaign.

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