



About the Central ADK COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund

WHILE WE ARE SHARING THESE GUIDELINES, WE ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO APPLY NOW. OUR SCREENERS ARE HERE TO LISTEN. WE WANT TO HELP!

Who is Eligible?

- Applicants must reside in the area between Woodgate and Raquette Lake or work in that area as their primary employment.
- Applicants will be eligible for assistance as a result of emergency layoffs or reduced hours or other direct financial impact.
- Households in need who have not lost income or support because of the COVID-19 emergency will be referred to other aid services.
- Applications are kept confidential.

Emergency expenses eligible for coverage by this fund: Sheltering needs, food, utilities and medical treatment or prescriptions will receive first priority. **Other needs will be assessed as funds are available.**

- Housing: Mortgage Payment & Rent
- Groceries: including food, paper, cleaning and hygiene products
- Medical treatment, co-pay or prescription medication, or more upon investigation and approval
- Over the counter medical needs
- Emergency shelter for quarantining situations, and emergency cleaning and disinfection services
- Pet Care: pet food, kitty litter, pet health medication, veterinary visits
- Gas or payment to a driver for essential transportation: Medical visits would be a top priority for this designation, but can include other necessities
- Utility Bills: fuel, propane, water and electricity bills and current cell phone considered. Back bills should be worked out with the provider by the applicant.
- Emergency repair/replacement of appliances; washer, dryer, stove, refrigerator OR emergency replacement of a small appliance that is used routinely like a vacuum cleaner, toaster or microwave.
- Money for the Laundromat
- Wi-Fi - one month for phone and internet if funds are available. Applicants should check with *Spectrum* for free service for households with school-aged children.

- Games and entertainment for children
- Recognition of special days for kids - approving purchase of gift, cake or party hats

Screening/Vending Process

- Applicant submits an application via email or paper copy.
- Applicant receives a phone call from a screener within 24 hours of receipt of application.
- Screener reviews application and awards monies as funds allow.
- Screener communicates to applicant and vendor what amount is approved to be spent.
- Vendors invoice CAP-21 Fund for approved purchase amounts.

Disbursement of Funds

- Any item that can be secured locally will be.
- The fund can purchase and have on hand gift cards from local businesses who offer them.
- When approving a purchase at a local store that does not use gift cards, the vendor will invoice CAP-21.
- Any business wishing to partner by donating gift cards, goods or services will be able to. Donation receipt can be provided by CAP-21 upon request.
- Fund will use CAP-21's non-profit tax ID for making dollars go further.

Direct Impact to Local Businesses

- Additional earnings and business to local businesses who can supply what is needed.
- Will primarily affect many local businesses through employees.
- Funding for housing will keep the employees here for when they are needed to restart work. (We may see people moving to stay with other family if it's not clear when they will restart)
- Business owners are also eligible for personal needs.
- This emergency aid is available to all residents who have experienced a loss of income, including business owners, contractors, and the self-employed who may not qualify or may see delays in unemployment aid.

WE WILL ALL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER!