

LEND A HAND UP – Eligibility Guidelines for Boost Funding, Online Giving and Other Resources

Boost funding, online giving and other resources are awarded to qualifying fundraising campaigns based on medical diagnosis, financial challenges and fundraising activities. Applications are reviewed weekly. Funding is prioritized for individual/families burdened by substantial expenses due to a catastrophic medical condition.

Timelines & Award Criteria

Funding: *Lend A Hand Up* will award a \$100 boost for every \$500 raised, up to a \$5,000 total boost per family. For Example: \$500 raised becomes \$600, \$5,000 raised becomes \$6,000 and \$25,000 becomes \$30,000. (\$1,000 maximum boost per donor applies).

- **Online Campaign:** Applications for boost funding and other resources may be submitted at any time.
If approved, *Boost Funding* is awarded based on online gifts made through lendahandup.org, effective upon approval date (90 day maximum campaign). Gifts raised through other sites or by cash/check are not eligible.
- **Benefit/Events:** Applications for *boost funding* and other resources must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of a scheduled benefit/community event. (Event must be open to the public).
If approved, *Boost Funding* is awarded based on online gifts made through lendahandup.org, as well as cash and check gifts deposited into an established benefit fund. (Applicable upon formal approval date for a 90 day campaign.) Gifts raised on other online sites are not eligible for boost funding awards.
Note: A benefit/event may be added to an online campaign while in process without needing to submit a new application as long as event information is received and approved before the end of the 90 day campaign.

In follow-up to a 90 day campaign, recipient/families are not eligible for additional funding for at least 1 year.

Eligibility Checklist

- ☐ An online fundraising campaign and/or benefit is planned to help an individual residing in Cass County, ND or Clay County, MN who has substantial expenses due to a life-threatening or incapacitating health issue.
- ☐ If hosting a community benefit or other event open to the public for the primary purpose of raising help for an individual/family in medical crisis, there is time to submit an application at least 30 days before the event.
- ☐ A fundraising team of at least three people has been formed with a champion willing to; coordinate submission of an application to Lend A Hand UP, serve as a passionate leader and facilitate communication between recipient, volunteers and Lend A Hand UP staff. Champion should NOT live in the same household as recipient.
- ☐ Two community members (fundraising champion and another individual) are willing to endorse the campaign with an email, note or letter verifying **how** and **why** they plan to promote and/or support the campaign.
- ☐ A benefit fund with a checking account is established at a bank/credit union located in Cass or Clay County, with at least two title signers; one being the recipient/family and one being the fundraising champion (or other key volunteer who doesn't live with recipient. See Section 1B.) All gifts raised through the campaign must be directed to this benefit fund. Learn more about setting up a benefit fund: www.lendahandup.org Fundraising Guide, Step 2.

If Lend A Hand Up support is approved:

- ☐ Volunteers must be willing to include Lend A Hand Up logo(s), website address and boost grant amounts on flyers, posts and promo items to build awareness of fundraising activities. (Logos will be shared upon approval).
- ☐ Recipient (or their parent/guardian) must confirm that they approve of fundraising activities and will privately share donation data as necessary to validate boost funding amounts.

Both parts of the application, along with two letters of endorsement and requested attachments, may be dropped off, emailed, mailed or faxed to the program office. If hosting a benefit, 30 days prior to event.

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Did you know Lend A Hand Up has a fundraising "How to" Step by Step Guide? Check it out at lendahandup.org



LEND A HAND UP APPLICATION – APPLY FOR BOOST FUNDING

PART 1 – Information about Fundraising Campaign

To be completed by the Fundraising Champion. Please type or print!

Section 1A Fundraising Champion. Must be someone who does not live in the same household as the recipient

Name	Email (required)
Street Address	City, State, Zip
Resident of ___ Cass Co. or ___ Clay Co. for ___ # years	Cell Home/Other
Name of Employer	Work Phone
How do you know the recipient?	How long have you known him/her?

Attach/forward: copy of a driver’s license or other document verifying current residency of fundraising champion.
 Attach/forward: A letter/note/email from the fundraising champion listed above, as well as a separate letter/note/email from one or both of the individuals listed in Section 1B summarizing **how** and **why** they will promote and support this fundraising campaign. If representing a business, church, nonprofit, service club or other group, please include this information.

Section 1B – Please include Information for two community members willing to promote/support this fundraising campaign

Name	Name
Email	Email
Phone	Phone
Address	Address
How do they know the recipient?	How do they know the recipient?

Section 1C Benefit Fund. Confirm that a benefit fund is established at a local bank/credit union with two authorized signers; including the recipient (or a family member) and a volunteer listed in 1A or 1B who doesn’t live with the recipient.

Fund Name:	Type of Account: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking (preferred) <input type="checkbox"/> Savings
Bank Name:	Bank Address:
Signer 1 Name	If not Recipient, how are they related:
Signer 2 Name	How does this person know recipient:

Attach/forward: copy of benefit fund signature card verifying fund name, signers and bank. May cross out personal ID #s.

Section 1D – Information about Fundraising Campaign Activities.

Online Giving Campaign Information	(Optional) Benefit/Event Information*
If approved, boost funding will be awarded based on online gifts made through lendahandup.org. (Gifts raised through other sites and cash/check gifts are not eligible for boost.)	If approved, boost funding will be awarded based on online gifts made through lendahandup.org as well as cash and check gifts deposited into the benefit fund at the bank.
Campaign Name	Day/Date of Event Time:
Requested start date	Name of Facility
Key Contact	Address
How do you plan to promote your campaign ___ Facebook ___ Twitter ___ Email ___ Blog ___ Flyers ___ Radio ___ TV ___ Video ___ Event ___ Bulletin Other/Comments:	Fundraising activities ___ B-fast/lunch/dinner ___ Bake/Craft Sale ___ Raffle ___ Silent/Online Auction ___ Run/Walk/Bike ___ Music ___ Golf/Bowling ___ Other:

*A benefit may be added to an online campaign without submitting a new application, as long as event is open to public and information is received/approved before the end of the 90 day online campaign. After 90 days, must wait 1 year to re-apply.

Section 1E– Lend A Hand Up Referral Source

How did you learn about the Lend A Hand Up program? Check your primary referral source(s):
 ___ Prior experience ___ Internet ___ Brochure ___ Newsletter ___ Flyer ___ TV ___ Radio ___ Event
 ___ Newspaper/Magazine ___ Friend/Family ___ Bank ___ Church/Nonprofit ___ Medical Provider ___ Other

Section 1F – Fundraising Champion Signature

Through my involvement, I understand that I may have access to medical and financial information, verbal and written, that I will treat with utmost confidentiality and only discuss for the purpose of this application process and subsequent fundraising activities. If funding is approved, I agree to; build awareness of program support, oversee communication between program staff, recipient and volunteers and share documentation of fundraising results to validate funding. I extend assurance that all proceeds from this fundraising effort will be deposited into the benefit fund established for this recipient to pay for medical and other expenses as noted on this application. By signing below, I acknowledge that information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Fundraising Champion Signature

Date:

In the unfortunate event of recipient death, generally, boost awards will be honored based on funds raised up to 7 days past date of death.

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Part 2 – Information about Medical Hardship

To be completed by individual or parent/guardian who will receive proceeds from this campaign.

Section 2A – Recipient. Share information about the child or adult experiencing life-threatening and/or incapacitating illness or injury that limits activities of daily living and has (or will) result in substantial out-of-pocket expenses of \$5,000 or more.

Name	Age: _____	Gender: ___ Male ___ Female
Street Address	City, State, Zip	
Current Resident ___ Cass Co. or ___ Clay Co. for ___ # yrs.	Cell _____	Home/Other _____
Email _____	Employer Name _____	
Names of other individuals living in the same household. If children, include their ages:		

Section 2B. Medical Hardship.

Medical Diagnosis/Condition: _____	
Date/timeframe of original diagnosis: _____	Anticipated length of treatment: _____
Health Insurance Carrier: _____	Have you applied for Medicaid/Disability? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How have treatment and medical expenses created financial hardship. Summarize here or attach separate note. 	

Section 2C. Out of Pocket Expenses (NOT covered by insurance) related to medical care and treatment

Complete the table below identifying \$5,000 or more of billed and/or estimated out-of-pocket expenses related to medical care and/or rehabilitation for the individual named above. Only note amounts the individual/family is liable for such as medical bills and prescriptions not covered by insurance, monthly premium expenses, travel & lodging costs for out-of-area care (may include companion), etc.

NOTE: Billed and/or paid medical expenses may be determined by requesting report(s) from clinic/hospital/pharmacy. (Request a **current balance** and a **self-paid total for the past 12 months.**) Future out-of-pocket expenses *may be estimated* based on treatment plans, copays, deductibles, coinsurance, etc. Contact your insurance company and/or the business office of the clinic/hospital for assistance.

Expense Categories	Out-of-Pocket Expenses Past 12 months-Current	Estimated Out-of-Pocket Upcoming 12 Months
1. Medical Care: Provider, Lab, Radiology, Inpatient/Hospital		
2. Prescriptions/Medications/Equipment/Supplies		
3. Health Insurance – cost (if any) you pay to maintain coverage Your premium/liability expense per month x number of months		
4. Travel/Gas - based on .25 cents/mile x number of miles x number trips		
5. Lodging/Food - If you receive medical care out-of-area, estimate costs based on \$125/person or \$200/family/companion x number of days there Facility: _____ City: _____		
Total Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenses (add together lines 1-5)		
(Optional) Non-Medical Expenses increasing financial hardship due to medical condition, lost wages. (Ex; mortgage/rent, food, daycare, auto) Comment: _____		

Who is responsible for payment of listed out-of-pocket expenses?

Has this individual/family received prior funding from Lend A Hand/UP? ___ No ___ Yes, Date: _____

- Attach/forward** copy of driver's license or form verifying legal residency, name and age of recipient/parent/guardian
- Attach/forward** medical document: letter, report or treatment plan validating medical diagnosis/condition and provider
- (Optional) Attach/forward** report verifying total paid and/or billed for the past 12 months. Do NOT send multiple invoices.

Section 2D – Recipient Signature

By signing below, I confirm that expenses listed on this page are accurate and create substantial financial hardship for myself and/or others responsible for payment. I give consent for the fundraising champion and Lend A Hand Up staff/committee to review medical, financial and other personal information contained in this application for consideration of support. If approved, I agree to share fundraising results with Lend A Hand Up staff to validate eligible funding. I provide assurance that funding will be used to pay for expenses related to my medical care and rehabilitation. I give authorization for the use of my photo and information summarizing my medical crisis for fundraising purposes.

Recipient Signature: _____

Date: _____

If signer is not the recipient, print signer's name and relationship to recipient: _____

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