



COVID-19 Emergency Small Grants Program 2020 Application

Madhu Thibaudeau Family Fund at the Howard County Autism Society

The Madhu Thibaudeau Family Fund at HCAS was created in memory of Madhu Thibaudeau, a long-time HCAS member, board member, volunteer and staff member, who passed away suddenly in March 2019. Her legacy of kindness, support and giving is remembered with the creation of this fund and the many donations made in her name to the Howard County Autism Society.

The Fund was designed to help individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families who are experiencing an immediate need for financial assistance. It is not meant to be an ongoing source of support, but rather to provide “bridge” funding in an emergency or for something that will significantly impact the quality of life for an individual with ASD and/or his/her family.

The parameters of the fund were revamped in March 2020 to address the critical needs of our local community during the COVID-19 outbreak. Beginning in April 2020 and while funds remain available, an applicant and/or his/her family may apply to receive a small grant award of up to \$250.

Items that are eligible for this one-time funding include, but are not limited to, assistance with:

- Rent payment when eviction is imminent
- Car repair expenses
- Utility bill
- Weekly food expenses
- Personal care items (e.g., clothing, hygiene products)
- Household supplies (e.g., paper products, cleaning supplies)
- Baby supplies (e.g., diapers, formula)
- Medical supplies
- School supplies
- Emergency respite care
- ASD-related technology
- Moving expenses

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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POLICIES & PROCEDURES
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1. Applications for support may be made by an individual with ASD or the individual's family who resides in Howard County, MD and the surrounding area.
2. One gift of up to \$250 per individual or family will be awarded in a 12-month period.
3. All applications will be reviewed by HCAS and, whenever possible, requests will be processed within 48 hours of receipt.
4. If approved, the applicant will be notified by the HCAS office to arrange for payment of the grant award.
5. Successful applicants are asked to provide HCAS, within 60 days of spending the grant award, a copy of receipt of purchase or other documentation (confirmation of payment) specifying how the award money was used. This documentation may be submitted by mail, email or in person.
6. If the application is declined, the HCAS Executive Director will provide rationale for denial to the applicant.

How to Submit an Application:

1. Complete the one-page application form and collect any supporting documentation.
2. Submit the form and any supporting documentation **via email** to info@howard-autism.org

QUESTIONS? Call 410-290-3466 or email info@howard-autism.org

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Applicant Name			Date	
Street Address			Phone (H)	
City	State	Zip	Phone (W)	
Email			Phone (C)	
Beneficiary Name(s)				
Beneficiary Name(s)			Relationship to Applicant	
Requested Support <i>(Describe how you would use the financial support you are requesting)</i>				
Amount Requested				
Amount Requested	\$	Date Needed		
Basis for Requested Amount <i>(Provide a description and/or website URL or attach relevant documentation supporting the requested amount)</i>				
Other Potential Funding Sources <i>(Please provide names and contact info for other funding sources that you have contacted)</i>				
What else would be helpful for HCAS to know?				
Applicant Signature _____			Date _____	
Do Not Write Below This Line – For Office Use Only				
<input type="checkbox"/> Awarded	<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	Date	Check #	Amount \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase documentation received:				Date

Submit this form via email to: info@howard-autism.org