Caring Fund Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for a grant?
If you have lost your home or primary residence, or been temporarily displaced from your home or primary residence due to a state- or federally-declared disaster, fill out the application and submit electronically.

What is considered a "primary home" or "primary residence"?
Your primary home/residence is your owned or leased property where you usually reside. A second home or a structure that you don’t reside in (garage, barn, etc.) wouldn’t qualify as your primary residence. Grants from the Caring Fund are intended to provide immediate temporary assistance to those who lost their homes or have been temporarily displaced from their homes.

Am I eligible for a grant if I suffered a loss other than my primary home/residence?
No. Only applicants with loss or displacement from his or her primary home or primary residence will be eligible for grants from this fund. Loss of vehicles, garages or other property damage to non-residences are not eligible for coverage by the grant.

How much is the grant?
Grants of up to $1,000 are meant to meet an eligible employee's/educational appointee's acute or temporary basic needs (e.g., securing food and shelter). The fund will not provide assistance for chronic or ongoing problems, but other types of assistance are available through MD Anderson's Employee Assistance Program.

May I apply more than one time?
There is a $5,000 limit that can be awarded to an individual during his or her employment/appointment at MD Anderson.

What if there's more than one employee in a primary home/residence?
A household with more than one employee and/or educational appointee impacted by the disaster is eligible for only one grant. Grants are awarded per household per disaster and not per employee and/or educational appointee. Therefore, only one application may be submitted per employee/educational appointee household per disaster.

Who decides if I’m eligible or approved to receive this grant?
A committee of MD Anderson employees and/or educational appointees will make the determination.
If I'm eligible, how soon would I receive the grant?
The Caring Fund Coordinators shall notify the employee or educational appointee of the Committee's decision within 15 business days after receipt of the employee's or educational appointee's complete application.

How will I receive the grant?
Disbursement of grants will be made in the form of a check that is drafted in the name of the employee or educational appointee identified on the application. It will be mailed to the address identified on the application.

What if I disagree with the committee's decision?
An employee or educational appointee may request one appeal of the Committee's decision if he/she is able to provide new or additional information regarding his/her application.

What other types of events will qualify an employee to receive a grant from this fund?
At this time, we’re only considering grants for employees affected by state- or federal-declared disaster.

QUESTIONS ABOUT DONATIONS

How do I donate?
You can donate online or by mail. Visit www.mdanderson.org/caringfund for details.

Is there a set amount to donate or a limit?
No. There's no maximum or minimum limit you may donate. However, whether the donation is entirely tax deductible for you may depend on the amount of total donations you've made that year. If you believe you fall into this category, you should contact your tax attorney, accountant or professional tax preparer.

Will I get a tax deduction for my donation to the fund?
Donations/contributions to the fund are tax deductible depending on the total amount of donations you've made that year. If you have questions, contact your tax attorney, accountant or professional tax preparer.

May only MD Anderson employees donate to the fund?
No. Anyone can make a donation to the fund to benefit our eligible employees and educational appointees.