

TRI-COUNTY HEALTH NETWORK



Good Neighbor Fund - Emergency Response Grant Qualification Criteria

The Good Neighbor Fund was created by the Telluride Foundation. The purpose of the Fund is to promote a stable workforce in Rico, San Miguel County, West Montrose County, and Ouray County and provide emergency financial assistance to qualified applicants for daily needs such as rent, medical bills, car repair, food assistance, utility assistance and more as determined necessary to remain living and working in these counties.

In order to be eligible for consideration, applicants must: currently live/work in Rico, San Miguel County, West Montrose County, or Ouray County and have done so for the past 1 year; have not (nor their spouse/partner) received a Good Neighbor Fund grant award in the past 3 years; demonstrate that they have exhausted all other resources; and show that they can maintain financial stability outside this non-recurring and unexpected crisis to remain living and working in the defined region.

It is important to review the following criteria before completing an application.

Applicants must be able to **provide proof** of:

- 1) Residency in Rico, San Miguel County, West Montrose County, and/or Ouray County (e.g. copy of lease agreement)
- 2) Employment (current or former) in Rico, San Miguel County, West Montrose County, and/or Ouray County (e.g. copy of pay stub)
- 3) Statements demonstrating current financial need (e.g. copies of bills, balances forwarded)
- 4) All regular monthly financial commitments (e.g. electric bill, mortgage/rent due, car insurance, medical bill, phone, health insurance)

Once a complete application is received, the applicant may be contacted for an in-person or phone meeting. All completed applications will be reviewed in complete confidence in order to make a grant allocation decision. Monies awarded will be in the form of a grant paid directly to the provider of service by the Telluride Foundation. *The maximum grant allotment per application is \$1,500 and applicants are eligible to apply once every three years.*

This application process will be expedited during this countywide crisis so it is important to complete the application thoroughly and provide all required documentation. If approved, checks will NOT arrive to the provider before one week after approval date.

Thank you for inquiring about the Good Neighbor Fund. For questions please contact TCHNetwork at 970.708.7967 or GNF@tchnetwork.org.