

Financial Assistance Resources

Grand Forks County Social Services

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Provides a financial grant for eligible families based on absent, deceased, or disabled parents. The purpose of the program is to ensure a safety net while providing an array of services directed at increasing self sufficiency.

Childcare Assistance Program

Provides assistance to low income families to help meet their childcare costs. Each family's share of the cost is based on factors, which include the family's income and household size.

Food Stamps

Provides benefits through the use of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) to assist low income individuals and families with purchasing food. Monthly benefits are determined based on family size and income.

Fuel Assistance

Provides benefits to low income individuals and families to assist with the payment of heating costs. The program runs from October through May each year. Seasonal benefits are determined based on household size, income and housing type.

Medical Assistance

Provides benefits to assist with medical costs for eligible low income individuals and families. Eligibility is based on income and qualifying as a member of a coverage group, which includes, but is not limited to, children, elderly and disabled.

Phone: 701.787.8500.

Altru Health System

Altru Health System provides temporary financial assistance to patients with demonstrated and documented financial need, who reside in their service area and receive primary health care services at an Altru Health System facility. These programs strive to meet the needs of as many patients as possible. Financial counseling to determine any outside sources is a part of the application process.

Phone: 701.780.1500.

Red River Valley Community Action

Red River Valley Community Action helps low-income people improve their lives. They offer emergency services, energy share, shelter house and legal aid.

Phone: 701.746.5431

Website: www.rrvca.com

North Dakota Association for the Disabled (NDAD)

The **North Dakota Association for the Disabled** is a nonprofit, charitable organization founded by concerned citizens for the purpose of assisting people with mental and physical disabilities in the state of North Dakota, many of whom are not eligible for services from other agencies.

Funds may be provided for medical equipment and supplies, accessibility, medical travel expenses, personal attendant care, transportation or recreational activities.

NDAD also has a financial loan program. The purpose of this program is to expand personal financing options for North Dakotans to purchase assistive devices and services. Individuals who may have difficulty obtaining conventional financing may be eligible for financing through this program.

Phone: 701.775.5577

Website: <http://ndad.org/>.

St. Joseph Social Care

St. Joseph's Social Care offers emergency assistance to individuals and families in crisis. It is their goal to assist individuals and families in order to prevent homelessness and increase self-sufficiency.

They assist with rent evictions, utility disconnects, medications, funeral and emergency medical travel needs. Social workers on staff meet with individuals/families to engage in an assessment process, with particular attention being paid to current situational and environmental factors. SJSC often coordinates with other agencies in the community and works to refer to appropriate agencies when needed.

They also offer transitional housing, thrift store vouchers and a food shelf.

Phone: 701.795.8614

Website: <http://www.stjosephsocialcaregf.org/home/>.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army provides limited emergency transportation funds and meals and lodging for individuals and families in need. They also provide clothing and household items and Holiday food baskets.

Phone: 701.775.2597

Website: <http://www.salvationarmy.org>.