

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES

The goal of Mobilize Katahdin is to provide support to individuals and organizations in need of support in the Katahdin Region. The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure that support is distributed widely across the region sustainably and equitably. For that reason, limits on individual support have been established to ensure as many people as possible receive support. The Mobilize Katahdin Steering Team is solely responsible for directing and authorizing funds raised on behalf of Mobilize Katahdin at their discretion as requests for assistance are received and prioritized.

What kind of financial assistance can be given:

- Grocery gift cards, direct payment for groceries, personal care items/toiletries, heating fuel, prescription co-pays, transportation, gasoline gift cards
- Direct financial assistance to organizations who provide food, household items, heating fuel, transportation, etc.

Who can request funds:

- Any resident of the Katahdin Region in need of assistance, upon request.
- Approved non-profit organizations assisting those in need in the Katahdin Region in order to continue their assistance.

Amount of funds allowed to be disbursed:

- Individuals may request financial assistance up to \$50, not to exceed \$500 per year. Assistance over \$500 must be approved by Mobilize Katahdin's Steering Team prior to any fund disbursement.
- Any approved non-profit organization may request a donation up to \$500 at a time, not to exceed \$1,000 per year. Donations in excess of \$1,000 must be pre-approved by the Mobilize Katahdin Steering Team prior to disbursement.
- A waitlist will be established if funding is depleted. Prioritization of requests will be made based on basic needs, including food, shelter, transportation, and social connection.
- If funds will be distributed for direct service to individuals, the \$1,000 limit does not apply. The \$1,000 organizational limit applies for funds that will be used on operational support.

How often are funds distributed:

- Funds may be disbursed upon request, as funds and/or resources are available, but no more than one time per day, and upon approval by the Mobilize Katahdin Steering Team.
- Funds may be disbursed as needs arise for an approved non-profit organization to maintain assistance to patrons, not to exceed one time per day, or at the discretion of the Mobilize Katahdin Steering Team.