

How Are the Lincoln Emergency Assistance Fund and the Small Necessities Project Supported?

The Lincoln Emergency Assistance Fund is supported entirely by individual donations. The Small Necessities Project was initiated through a grant from the Ogden Codman Trust in cooperation with the Lincoln Council on Aging and the Friends of the Lincoln Council on Aging, but will depend on individual donations for its continued existence. Neither the Emergency Assistance Fund nor the Small Necessities Project is supported in any way by taxes.

Can I Make a Donation?

To make a donation, please send a check made out to “Lincoln Emergency Assistance Fund/Small Necessities Project, Town of Lincoln” to Lincoln Emergency Assistance Committee, c/o Town Offices, 16 Lincoln Road, Lincoln, MA 01773. You may designate your donation to go to either the Emergency Assistance Fund or the Small Necessities Project or to be divided between them.

The Lincoln Emergency Assistance Committee

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The Lincoln Emergency
Assistance Fund
c/o Lincoln Council on Aging
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15 Bedford Road
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Lincoln, MA 01773
781-259-8811
Open Monday through Friday,
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Lincoln Emergency Assistance Fund and The Small Necessities Project

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*For Residents Who
Would Like to Help
and Those Who
Need Help*



The Town of Lincoln

What Are the Lincoln Emergency Assistance Fund and the Small Necessities Project?

The Lincoln Emergency Assistance Fund provides small grants or loans to residents in extreme situations to enable them to stay safely in our community. The Small Necessities Project provides smaller amounts for basic needs like food, medication, and lodging that do not meet the guidelines of the Emergency Assistance Fund. Both are overseen by the Lincoln Emergency Assistance Committee and administered by the Council on Aging (COA), though they are available to all ages.

Who Determines Who Will Receive Help?

The COA, the Police and Fire departments, churches, and other organizations may make referrals to The Lincoln Emergency Assistance Committee. This Committee, made up of Town staff and residents, oversees all requests and decides whether a situation meets the Emergency Assistance Fund's and Small Necessities Project's guidelines.

When Do the Fund and Project Help?

The Emergency Assistance Fund helps those with a one-time financial crisis that would be solved by the \$500 maximum assistance. A good candidate might be someone who has lost a job and is being evicted, but who could keep up with ongoing rent if previous months' rent were paid. Residents must have no other resources available and may use the Fund only once in a lifetime.

The Small Necessities Project provides smaller amounts for basic necessities that are essential but do not qualify for the Emergency Assistance Fund. Residents may use the Small Necessities Project once a year for up to three years.

What Other Help Do Applicants Receive?

Those who receive help or who request assistance but do not qualify also get counseling on other benefits or services that might be available. The ultimate goal of the Emergency Assistance Fund and the Small Necessities Project is to assist residents in regaining and keeping their financial independence.

How Do Residents Apply?

To apply for help from either the Emergency Assistance Fund or the Small Necessities Project, call Pam from the COA at 781-259-8811. Applicants need to be ready to document their need and how they will sustain themselves after receiving assistance.

Does Lincoln Really Need The Emergency Assistance Fund and the Small Necessities Project?

Yes. Both the Emergency Assistance fund and the Small Necessities Project have been initiated to meet real needs of Lincoln residents who experience unforeseen and unexpected financial crises that threaten their well being and ability to remain in our community. In many cases, the Emergency Assistance Fund and the Small Necessities Project are the only resources available because so few organizations to meet this kind of need operate in suburbs like Lincoln.