



Grant Program Description (Effective July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)

All programs are funded from public donations, private grants and special event fundraisers. The Senior Advocacy Council Board reviews applications for grants monthly. Be advised that due to the review process timeline, grant requests may take several weeks to be processed or approved. Any approved grants will be paid directly to the provider.

Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS): SCSAC will fund a PERS (aka Life Alert button) to seniors who are not eligible for a system through the VA or other Long-Term Managed Care programs. There must be a home telephone line for the system or the ability to install a wireless network. The applicant must be willing to be interviewed by telephone to verify usage of the unit and to confirm the continued need for the Medic Alert system.

Durable Medical Equipment: SCSAC will purchase durable medical equipment not covered by Medicare, Medicaid or other private insurance. Typically items not covered are bedside commodes, shower chairs, transfer boards, compression stockings, grab bars, raised toilet seats, walkers and companion wheelchairs.

Other Health-related Expense Assistance: Partial or full payment toward services such as vision checkups/eyeglasses and/or dental work will be considered if appropriate documentation is provided.

Other Emergency Assistance: SCSAC may provide financial assistance to seniors who have needs outside the scope of our current programs, provided they meet the financial criteria as described in the application form. For example, SCSAC can provide one-time utility assistance, toiletries, clothing, food, or other assistance as needed. Assistance may be in the form of a referral to another agency or nonprofit better able to assist. Each application is reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

SCSAC will also leverage its membership to assist with resources or services that they may have access to which would help meet the senior's need.

General Eligibility Requirements:

Sarasota County resident

Minimum age of 50

Income not to exceed \$2,023 monthly for household size of one, or \$2,743 for a household size of two.

Must provide all documentation requested on application form

Maximum grant award of \$500 per year per applicant

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