

CARP Barrie Seniors Community Fund

Rules and Guidelines

CARP Barrie Seniors Community Fund (“SCF”) was created in July 2021 to assist **low-income seniors in Barrie and Surrounding Area** by providing financial assistance from \$100 to \$500 per application.

This document defines the rules and guidelines around the SCF.

Barrie and Surrounding Area is defined as the towns and municipalities CARP Barrie Chapter 36 members are drawn from. Visit www.barriecarp.org/ for a list of towns relating to “**Surrounding Area**”.

Low-income senior is defined as an individual 65 years of age or older who has an income level at or below the Ontario Guaranteed Income Levels listed at <https://data.ontario.ca/dataset/ontario-guaranteed-annual-income-system-benefit-rates>

The guaranteed income levels for July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 are:

- \$1,645.21 monthly (\$19,742.52 annually) for single pensioners
- \$1,272.76 monthly (\$15,273.12 annually) per person for qualified couples

Income Level is to be derived from a current income tax return notice of assessment provided by the applicant or a determination from the **SCF Application Review Subcommittee** of the financial need.

Financial Assistance of \$100 to \$500 can be applied for by seniors living on low-income who are having challenges with basic necessities (**such as but not limited to: rent, food, medical, transportation, delivered meals, personal needs, veterinarian services, etc.**).

If there is a senior couple needing assistance, please apply once on a joint basis for both seniors. **Each senior can apply for \$100 to \$500 for themself.**

Applications can be submitted at any time. We will accept applications “on behalf” of a senior - from family members, caregivers, community agencies and non-profit organizations. All applications will be treated with privacy and confidentiality.

All applications will be reviewed by CARP Barrie Chapter 36’s Application Review Subcommittee. This Subcommittee will be composed of Volunteers chosen by CARP Barrie Chapter 36. Funding can be awarded at any time. Payment will be in the form of

Gift Cards, Gift Certificates or Cheque as determined by the Subcommittee in its sole discretion.

Although we wish we could approve all applications received, we assess applications according to where the need is greatest.

We encourage you to submit your applications by email to BarrieSCF@carp.ca

Or they can be mailed to CARP Barrie Seniors Community Fund c/o 150 Livingstone St. E. Barrie, ON, L4M 6Y7

In submitting an application, please use these fields as a template.

Your Name

Your EMAIL Address

Your Phone Number

Senior Applicant Name(s)

Senior Applicant Age(s)

Senior Applicant Full Address

Amount Requested (\$100 to \$500)

What are the funds required for?

When are the funds required by?

Thank you for your Application to CARP Barrie Seniors Community Fund.

Due to the high volume of Applications received, we cannot respond to each application directly and we thank you for your understanding. If your application is approved for review and consideration, you will be contacted directly.

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Application Review Subcommittee

All applications to **CARP Barrie Seniors Community Fund** will be reviewed by CARP Barrie Chapter 36's **Application Review Subcommittee ("Subcommittee")**.

This Subcommittee will be composed of Five (5) Volunteers chosen by CARP Barrie Chapter 36.

As of August 30, 2021, the 5 volunteers are:

Gwen Kavanagh (CARP Barrie Chair)
Jane Walker (RN & Founder of The Giving Hands)
John Tom (Owner, SUPERIOR Home Health Care)
Victor Brace (CARP Barrie Board Member)
Len Day (Barrie South Lions Club)

Funding can be awarded at any time.

Payment will be in the form of Gift Cards, Gift Certificates or Cheque (as determined by the Subcommittee in its sole discretion).

In reviewing applications, these guidelines will govern the process.

1) Subcommittee will seek partnerships with agencies serving seniors - these agencies will provide value and reduce Subcommittee logistics because they already support seniors on low incomes and have process(es) in place to ensure the need is real and the applicant's circumstances are confirmed as low-income. **If you are an agency that wishes to partner with us, please email BarrieSCF@carp.ca**

2) Funding requests need to be very specific - How much is needed, what is it needed for and when is it needed by? **By knowing this, it allows us to approach specific businesses to request a gift card and fulfill a successful application.**

3) Subcommittee Members **MUST** declare a Conflict of Interest (real or perceived) and recuse themselves from voting if they referred the Applicant or know the Applicant. When this occurs, the Subcommittee may use a "substitute" Member who would then be able to vote.