

July 10, 2024

Thank you for your interest in CARP Barrie Seniors Community Fund (SCF).

We currently have funds available to assist seniors who are below the poverty level.

See Pages 2 & 3 for more information on the funding and process.

See Page 4 for an Application Form to complete and send to us.

We welcome your inquiries via barriescf@carp.ca

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 Areas** by providing financial assistance from \$100.00 - \$500.00 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 connected to **Surrounding Areas**.

Low-income senior is defined as an individual 65 years of age 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 April 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024 (for seniors between 65 and 74 years old) are:

\$1,861.81 monthly (\$22,341.72 annually) for single pensioners

\$1,437.69 monthly (\$17,252.28 annually) per person for qualified couples.

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

Proof of age is required, a scanned copy of a Driver's License. Purple Card, Health Card or Passport are accepted.

Financial assistance of \$100.00 - \$500.00 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 needs, personal needs, veterinarian services, etc.)**

If a senior couple need assistance, apply once on a joint basis for both seniors. **Each senior can apply for \$100.00 - \$500.00 for themselves.**

Applications can be submitted at any time. We will review 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.

CARP Barrie Seniors Community Fund 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 at least Five (5) volunteers chosen by CARP Barrie Chapter 36.

Our Subcommittee Members are:

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

Funding can be awarded at any time.

Payment will be made in the form of a Cheque, Gift Card, or Gift Certificate as determined by the Subcommittee in its sole discretion.

In reviewing applications, these guidelines will govern the process.

1. The 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 it is needed for, and when is it needed by. **By knowing this, it allows us to approach specific businesses and fulfill a successful application.**
3. The 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.

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

Application Form – CARP Barrie Seniors Community Fund

- 1) We encourage you to submit this application by email to barriescf@carp.ca
- 2) Or the application can be mailed to:
CARP Barrie Seniors Community Fund
c/o 150 Livingstone St East, Barrie, ON L4M 6Y7

In submitting an application, please complete the information below.

Your Name _____

Your Email Address _____

Your Phone Number _____

Senior Applicant Name(s) _____

Seniors Applicant Age(s) _____

Seniors Applicants Address _____

Amount Requested \$100.00-\$500.00 _____

What are the funds required for? _____

When are the funds required by? _____

A copy of the applicant's income statement and proof of age are required with this application.

Thank you for your Application to CARP Barrie Community Fund.

Depending on the number of Applications that are waiting for review it could take a week to tens days for your application to be processed. At that time, we will provide you with our decision.