

EASTLAKE CHURCH NETWORK

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FAQ

What is financial assistance at EastLake Church?

The financial assistance fund has been established to give financial aid to active members in the Eastlake Church body who have severe financial needs.

What type of needs does the financial assistance fund cover?

Any assistance is to meet short term basic necessities - food, clothing or medical needs.

What are the requirements to receive benevolence?

- The requester must be an active member (Attended Membership 101 – and signed Membership Covenant) or regular attendee of an EastLake Church for at least three months. Testimony of other members in the church, records of volunteering in a church program, and giving records may be used to check involvement. These are all clear signs of your commitment to the family of your Eastlake Church and then how this church family can give back to you.
- The requester must have already requested assistance from family members or explain why they cannot. Financial assistance money is only available because others have faithfully given regularly out of their income to the work of the Lord at EastLake Churches. Because of this, we approach all financial decisions with great responsibility and care.
- Potential recipients must be willing to attend the next available Money Study (a multi-week money management seminar) and possibly get counseling (financial, family, emotional, etc.) if the Pastor in charge of financial assistance and/or the Leadership of EastLake Church determines personal problems led to financial crisis. (If recommended the church will help the recipient find a professional counselor.)

Please Note: If for any of the above reasons you do not qualify for financial assistance, members of the financial assistance team can assist you in going to the right organizations for financial aid and will also be available to help meet your spiritual or emotional needs.

Do I have to pay the church back?

Financial assistance money is a gift and not a loan. A recipient is not obligated to return or “pay back” money given to him/her. A recipient may give money to the financial assistance fund at some later date if he/she desires.

When will I hear back on my request?

Once the application is completed and turned back in to the church, you will hear back within approximately 48 hours depending on the need.