



Community Assistance Trust

Assisted Items Criteria

Community Assistance Trust (CAT) will only provide assistance in an emergency or extraordinary circumstance when there is no other resource for funding available in Sault Ste. Marie & district for their specific need. Each request will be considered on its own merit. If there is assistance available within the community through another agency, the client will be provided with a referral where applicable.

Community Assistance Trust will only provide assistance once in a 24 month period with a maximum assistance cap of **\$500** per household. **Assistance is not guaranteed.**

If a client is in receipt of Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Program they must contact their worker first to see if they are able to assist. CAT will need confirmation from worker that they are not able to assist. A referral from the worker will be required.

If no other assistance is available the following guidelines will apply:

Rent

- Must have an eviction notice
- Must have tried to make payment arrangements with the landlord
- If applying for last month's rent, a intent to rent will be required. *CAT will only consider assisting up to half, Clients are responsible for making payment arrangements with landlord for balance

Utilities

- Must have a threat of Disconnection
- Must have tried to make payment arrangements with vendor

Home Heating (Union Gas /oil/wood)

- Must have a threat of Disconnection
- Must have tried to make payment arrangements with Vendor

Note: Oil/Fuel Companies will only deliver a minimum of ½ a tank. The client may be responsible of paying a portion prior to delivery.

Eyeglasses

- Must have significant change in vision
- Vendor must be approved by CAT

Prescriptions for Children

- Can only assist with children under the age of 18

Emergency Dental

- Can only assist in the event of an emergency
 - E.g. emergency extraction or emergency filling

Baby Safety Items

- Crib, mattresses, car seats, baby gates
- Assistance will be considered for individuals on social assistance if they are deemed ineligible by Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program.

Northern Health Travel Grant

- Advance funding will be only be issued to those who are deemed low-income
- Client must not be in receipt of Ontario works or Ontario Disability Support Program
- Clients must meet the eligibility criteria for a Northern Health Travel Grants

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