

Good Neighbor Fund Grant Qualification Criteria

The Good Neighbor Fund (GNF) was created by the Telluride Foundation over 23 years ago to support residents in need across the region. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must currently live or work in San Miguel County and Rico, or the West End of Montrose County or Ouray County and have done so for one year; demonstrate that they have exhausted all other resources; show that they can maintain financial stability outside this non-recurring and unexpected crisis to remain living in the defined region; and have not received a GNF grant in the past 12-months.

General Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for a grant, applicants must:

- Have lived in Ouray, San Miguel, or the West End of Montrose County for at least one full year (proof of residency required).
- **Temporary Waiver – San Miguel County: Effective 1/1/2026: Due to recent events, a temporary exception is in place for applicants who have lived or worked in San Miguel County since December 15, 2025, may be eligible even if they haven't met the one-year residency requirement.**
- Be currently or recently employed (documentation required)
- Demonstrate financial hardship due to an unexpected, non-recurring crisis
- Show that they have exhausted other available resources
- Provide a plan for maintaining financial stability moving forward

Grant Guidelines

Emergency Assistance

- Applicants may request up to \$2,500 every 12 months due to a crisis
- Covers unexpected needs such as rent, utilities, medical bills, car repairs, food, etc.

Required:

- Submit a complete application
- Proof of current or most recent employment (e.g., paystubs, offer letter, etc.)
- Proof of social security, retirement, and/or disability payments (if applicable)
- Copies of all financial bills (car, electricity, insurance, etc.)
- Copy of lease agreement or mortgage statement
- Proof of checking and savings account balances
- Estimate from vendor for requested funds

Application Process:

Once a complete application is submitted:

- Applicants may be contacted for a brief phone meeting
- Applications are reviewed confidentially by the Good Neighbor Fund Committee
- Grant payments are made directly to the service provider (e.g., utility company, landlord, county treasurer)

Contact

For questions or help with the application process:

TCHNetwork at 970-708-7967, Email: GNF@tchnetwork.org