



## Disciples Senior Assistance Program Older Adult Ministries

### GRANT & STIPEND PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### **What is the Disciples Senior Assistance (DSA) Grant & Stipend Program?**

The DSA program provides monthly financial stipends or one-time grants to older adults who lack financial resources to sustain a reasonable quality of life. These funds are a gift to the approved Applicant; and are not reportable as income. There is no obligation to reimburse or repay these funds.

The DSA stipend program provides up to \$700 each month assisting older adults to meet their basic living expenses, including but not limited to rent, utilities, medical care, prescriptions, and food.

The DSA one-time program provides up to \$2,000 assisting older adults with extraordinary immediate needs, including but not limited to medical or dental procedures, moving expense, or car repair. The one-time grant program may also reimburse Applicants for extraordinary expenses recently incurred, with appropriate expense documentation.

#### **Who Is eligible to apply for the DSA program?**

- ✓ An individual, age 62 and over;
- ✓ Participant for a minimum of one year in a Pacific Southwest Region, Disciples of Christ congregation; and
- ✓ Combined checking and savings account balance is less than \$10,000.

#### **How much money is awarded to each approved Applicant?**

The DSA stipend program provides up to \$700 per month/\$8,400 per year. The one-time grant provides up to \$2,000. Stipends are approved for up to a one-year period from the date of award. There is no limit to how many years a person may be gifted DSA funds. Each grant or stipend award is dependent upon demonstrated need and funds available.

#### **Where do I get the application materials?**

Grant and stipend information, instructions and application forms may be found online by pasting the following URL into your browser: <http://www.disciplespswr.org/grants-scholarships>. Requests for materials may be emailed to [OAMC@docpswr.org](mailto:OAMC@docpswr.org) or by calling the PSWR office at (626) 296-0385. Program information is available in English, Spanish and Korean.

## **How does the application submittal process work?**

The Applicant or their “Responsible Party” will complete a DSA Stipend Application Form **OR** a DSA One-time Grant Application Form.

In addition to the application form, a completed *Congregational Reference* Form from the Applicant’s Pastor, and, a completed *Reference* form from one other congregation member must be submitted to OAMC.

For stipend applications, submit a copy of the Applicant’s most recently filed income tax return or tax-exemption statement, if available.

Submit the completed application materials to

OAMC  
Christian Church (DOC) PSWR  
115 E. Wilshire Ave.  
Fullerton, CA 92832

**OR** create a PDF of all completed forms and email to [OAMC@docpswr.org](mailto:OAMC@docpswr.org).

Stipends are not automatically renewed. Applicants must reapply each year in which funding assistance is requested.

## **How does the application approval process work?**

The PSWR’s Older Adult Ministries Committee (OAMC) reviews applications for completeness and eligibility.

An OAMC representative may phone or email the Applicant, a Responsible Party, or references to clarify information on the application. OAMC’s goal is to make sure that Applicant needs, financial considerations, and possible funding options – *all treated as confidential*—are clearly understood.

## **Who receives the grant and stipend money?**

Applicants will receive written notification of the grant or stipend award status as soon as possible, but no later than 45 days of receipt of a complete application.

Stipend program and one-time grant program funds are issued directly to a third party, such as a landlord, care facility, service provider, or assigned “Responsible Party.” One-time grant funds may be divided between multiple service providers, or as a reimbursement, as appropriate.

## **Where does the Disciples Senior Assistance funding come from?**

Over the years, generous individuals and families in the PSWR have made dedicated funding available for this program. These funds are permanently designated, specifically and exclusively, to provide supplemental care for older adults in financial need. Program funding is provided by:

- The Fellowship of John Fund;
- The Fellowship of Ruth Fund; and

- The Kok Family Trust

**Are donations accepted for the Disciples Senior Assistance Program?**

Absolutely! Contributions are fully tax deductible (95-1534943) and will be specifically designated to finance this caring ministry. Contributions may be sent to:

OAMC

Christian Church (DOC) PSWR

115 E. Wilshire Ave, Fullerton CA 92832

*May the God of Grace add the blessings of connection and care to each dollar that the Pacific Southwest Region uses to assist our seniors!*