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Neighbors' In Need (NIN) Program A partnership program with The City of Calabasas and The Rotary Club of Calabasas August 23, 2023

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Agenda

What is the Neighbors' In Need Program



What types of grants are there?



How is the program administered?



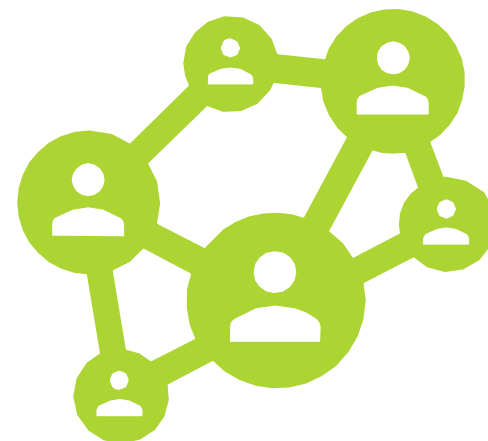
Why is it needed?



Who are the recipients?

What is the NIN Program?

- ▶ The City of Calabasas developed this program in 2007
- ▶ Partnered with the Rotary Club of Calabasas to administer the program
 - ▶ Takes out the possibility of a “Conflict of Interest”
 - ▶ Avoids a potential embarrassing situation where an applicant is known to the City
 - ▶ Assures anonymity for the applicants



What types of grants are there?

▶ ***Different types of grants***

- ▶ New last year - Outreach grant
- ▶ Up to \$500.00 – can be granted immediately
 - ▶ Lack of funds for groceries to feed the family
 - ▶ Clothing needs
 - ▶ Medical expenses/equipment needs
 - ▶ Bus/train pass funding
 - ▶ Vehicle repair expenses (such as tire replacement)
 - ▶ Education needs (such as books)



Types of Grants

▶ **Emergency Grants**

- ▶ Most requested and is usually an immediate need
 - ▶ Extreme medical expenses
 - ▶ Immediate loss of housing
 - ▶ Disconnection of utilities
 - ▶ Inability to purchase of food & clothing
 - ▶ Loss of transportation to/from work



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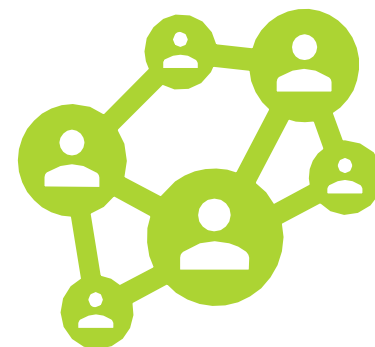
▶ **Support Grants**


- ▶ Similar to the Emergency Grants but
 - ▶ Gives support over a longer period of time
- ▶ Given to support ongoing, specific financial needs of an applicant
 - ▶ Extreme medical expenses
 - ▶ Inability to purchase of food & clothing
 - ▶ Immediate loss of housing
 - ▶ Loss of transportation to/from work
 - ▶ Disconnection of utilities
 - ▶ Inability to meet childcare expenses



How Is It Administered?

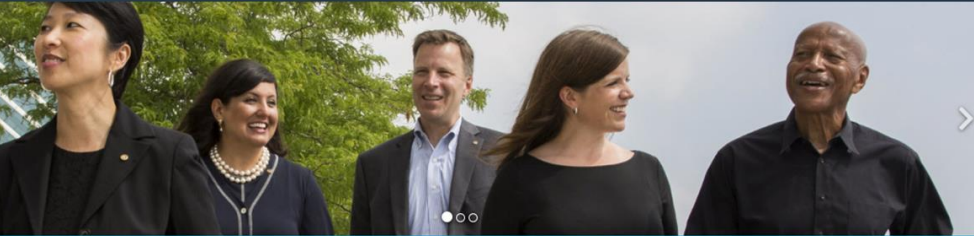
- ▶ **City of Calabasas created a partnership with the Rotary Club of Calabasas**
- ▶ Applicants reach out to the Rotary Club of Calabasas
 - ▶ Through a variety of ways
 - ▶ Sometimes referred by a City staff member
 - ▶ Sometimes word of mouth from a previous recipient
 - ▶ Through our website or our Info telephone number
 - ▶ Cards have been distributed to
 - ▶ City areas, Sheriff and Fire station, School District offices, Boys & Girls Clubs and more




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*** REQUEST FOR A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT ***


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Meeting Information

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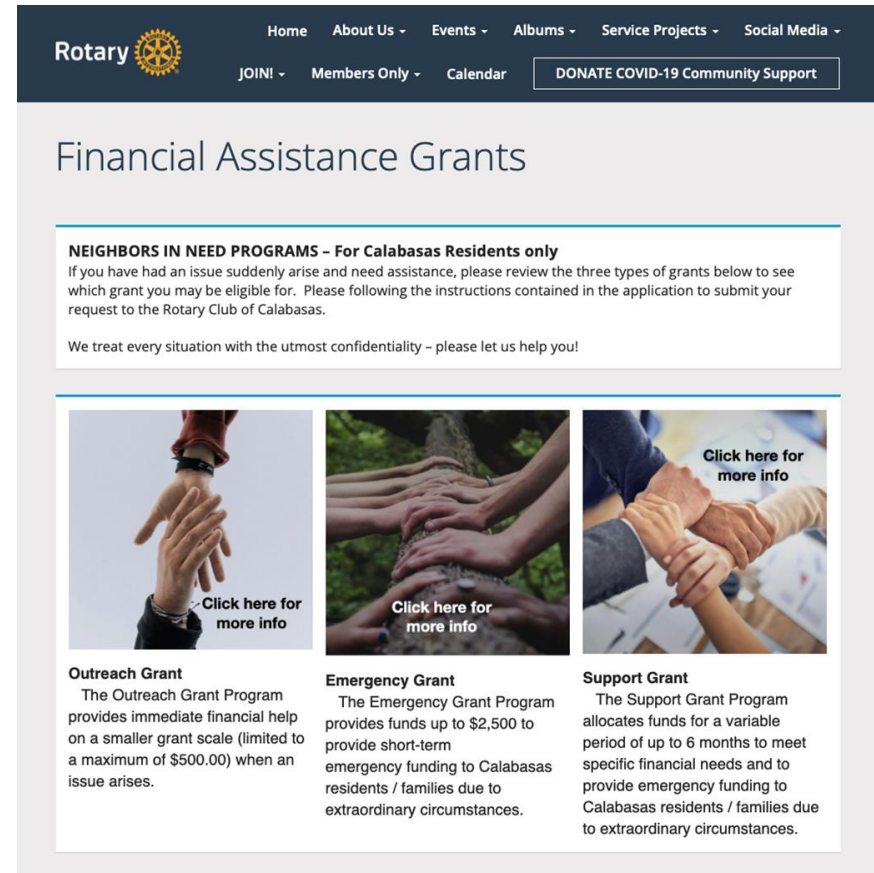
Our in-person meetings are two times per month,
1st and 3rd Tuesdays,
12:00pm
The Six Chow House
73536 Calabasas Road

WEBSITE


Click on the information in the red strip to be taken to the program

Financial Assistance Grant Card

- ▶ On the Rotary Club of Calabasas website
- ▶ Website
- ▶ Tel Number:
- ▶ (818) 564-6755



The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links for Home, About Us, Events, Albums, Service Projects, and Social Media. A 'DONATE COVID-19 Community Support' button is also visible. The main heading is 'Financial Assistance Grants'. Below this, a section titled 'NEIGHBORS IN NEED PROGRAMS - For Calabasas Residents only' provides instructions on how to apply for grants. Three grant types are listed: Outreach Grant, Emergency Grant, and Support Grant, each with a brief description and a 'Click here for more info' link.

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Financial Assistance Grants

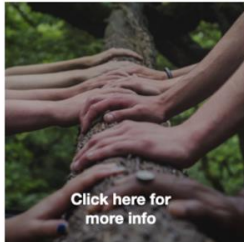
NEIGHBORS IN NEED PROGRAMS - For Calabasas Residents only
If you have had an issue suddenly arise and need assistance, please review the three types of grants below to see which grant you may be eligible for. Please following the instructions contained in the application to submit your request to the Rotary Club of Calabasas.

We treat every situation with the utmost confidentiality - please let us help you!



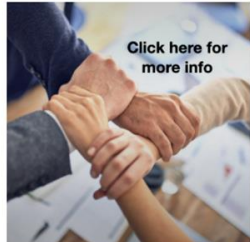
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Outreach Grant
The Outreach Grant Program provides immediate financial help on a smaller grant scale (limited to a maximum of \$500.00) when an issue arises.



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Emergency Grant
The Emergency Grant Program provides funds up to \$2,500 to provide short-term emergency funding to Calabasas residents / families due to extraordinary circumstances.



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Support Grant
The Support Grant Program allocates funds for a variable period of up to 6 months to meet specific financial needs and to provide emergency funding to Calabasas residents / families due to extraordinary circumstances.

Confidentiality

- ▶ ***The Rotary Club of Calabasas takes its responsibilities extremely seriously***
 - ▶ All applicants are responded to as soon as possible
 - ▶ We aim to respond within hours of a request being received
 - ▶ All applicants and applications are treated with the utmost of confidentiality and dignity
 - ▶ A small group of Rotarians are available to meet and interview applicants
 - ▶ No names or information is EVER shared with anyone outside of the group of interviewers regarding recipients



How Many have been helped?

- ▶ Since the inception of the program
 - ▶ Around 110 families/individuals helped
 - ▶ Variety of reasons, including but not limited to: rent relief, medical bills, car repairs, loss of utilities
 - ▶ 15 Community Organizations have benefitted from grants
 - ▶ These, in turn, benefit residents in need
 - ▶ 2023 alone we have seen an increase in requests
- ▶ Anticipating more needs arising as we see;
 - ▶ Increases in costs of food, gas, utilities, rent, insurance, and all the necessities in life
 - ▶ Rent moratoriums lifted with the ending of COV-ID

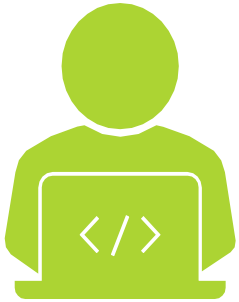
Situations

- ▶ Emergency grant assisted parents with medical costs arising from a child's injuries
- ▶ Longtime resident with medical issues – Support grant allowed for purchase of much needed medication
- ▶ Broken water heater - Emergency grant gave means to the senior resident to repair flooded areas and replace water heater
- ▶ Longtime resident at risk of losing job due to broken down car – emergency grant enabled the repairs, and unemployment was avoided
- ▶ Resident behind on rent, temporarily out of work due to disability, needed assistance of an emergency grant while waiting for disability payments to kick in



Situations.....

- ▶ Car repairs needed - Emergency Grant for A/C fix – resident able to continue to work as a delivery driver while going to school
- ▶ Emergency grant to stave off eviction - suffered loss of work during COVID - single disabled parent with 2 children in dire need of assistance, and avoided eviction
- ▶ Long term senior resident – water leak, no funds to repair – issued an Emergency grant and was able to fix the leak



Outreach Grants.....

- ▶ Several Outreach grants given (up to \$500)
- ▶ Reasons vary –
 - ▶ Educational assistance – tuition, purchase of book, enabling students to be able to continue their schooling
 - ▶ Single parents, unable to put food on the table for their children
 - ▶ Immediate car repair/new tires



Thank You

- ▶ The Rotary Club of Calabasas & the Neighbors in Need Committee **always** mention that:
 - ▶ It is **The City of Calabasas** that provides this program and aid to residents
 - ▶ The Rotary Club is just the Administrator
 - ▶ Please ensure recipients thank the City Council
- ▶ BUT, with the wish to remain anonymous – hard for recipients to do!
- ▶ It is a tremendous, and rare, service that this City provides



Thank You Received.....

- ▶ Thank you so much to the City of Calabasas and Calabasas Rotary Club. I appreciate all your kindness.
- ▶ Thanks again, so very, very much for this most blessed Outreach Grant on behalf of the City and Calabasas Rotary Foundation. And, what a touch of class for your member's unfathomable kindness to meet me today to personally deliver the check. The support and encouragement you all have provided has no monetary equivalent, and I am forever grateful! Hoping to share with you some good news soon!
- ▶ I would like to thank you for taking the time to review my application, and hear my situation. I'm tremendously grateful to you and the City of Calabasas for the generous grant, which has significantly lightened my financial burden concerning my vehicle repair expenses.

And More.....

- ▶ Thank you again for your time and support, and I hope someday soon I'm put in a position where I can pay it forward."
- ▶ Thank you to the City of Calabasas for being able to provide financial support to me and my family. Your assistance has been able to relieve a lot of stress and allow me to continue working. I hope the Rotary Club continues to help the community of Calabasas."
- ▶ I cannot express my thanks for being able to receive this grant! It truly has been a life-saver! I hope to be able to volunteer and help the Rotary Club when I get back on my feet



The Lives You touch

- ▶ Sometimes we never know how many lives we touch during any given day
- ▶ The Neighbors In Need program has touched many and;
- ▶ Made life just a little easier for these residents to go about their lives!
- ▶ Thank you City of Calabasas



Questions?