

Helping Hands Fund

Application Guidelines

Helping Hands Fund provides resources to assist schools in addressing particular student or student family emergency needs, including, but not limited to needs such as: clothing, shelter, health, food, and poverty relief. The purpose of this Fund is to assist in minimizing the impact of poverty, where it is an emergent barrier for a student wishing to healthily attend and participate in school life.

- The *Helping Hands* grant is meant as a one-time emergent support response, not an ongoing subsidy
- A maximum grant amount will be decided on a case by case basis.
 - For a variety of reasons, including respect for the dignity and empowerment of the
- recipient, the student or their family, if they are able, shall also contribute a nominal amount towards the request being made
- The student must be registered in Edmonton Catholic Schools
- Demonstrate financial need
- The grant must directly benefit student(s)
- The emergency fund does not provide money for items that are the responsibility of the school or school board such as textbooks, supplies, equipment and bus passes.
- Receipts must be submitted in the Final Report.
- The Helping Hands Final Report is to be submitted to the Foundation, along with receipts and any supporting materials, no later than 60 days after receiving the grant.