# **Financial Aid Policy**

### **PURPOSE**

Financial Aid is intended to be **One Time Emergency Help or BRIDGE** to Households in the Pennridge Community. The intent is to help residents with emergency help until they find alternative sources. The **One Time** Financial Aid is limited to <u>Security Deposits</u> for Utilities [electric, gas, heating oil, and water & sewer] and for utilities, where shutoff notices have been issued and shutoff is imminent.

### **FUNDING**

The budget/funds for these services come from the generosity of the people [businesses, churches, individuals, and social/fraternal organizations] in the Pennridge Community. No funding comes from Public / Government sources. *The funding is limited; therefore, the amount of aid is limited.* 

### HOUSEHOLD/CLIENTS

Client Households must be part of the Pennridge community as defined by the boundary of the Pennridge School District.

# **LIMITS**

The funding is limited; therefore, the amount of aid is limited. If you have previously received financial assistance, you may no longer be eligible.

#### **OTHER HINTS AND TIPS:**

- When you meet with a financial aid officer at FISH, please try to be understanding. We receive hundreds of requests for help, and it can be overwhelming for the volunteers who are meeting with you, just as it is overwhelming for you to have to ask for help.
- **Please come prepared.** Make sure you have your current bill, and all identification with you when you meet with our financial aid volunteers.
- Understand that funding is very limited FISH is not a public welfare office and we do not have paid social workers on staff. All financial aid funds come from donations we receive from people in our community. We need to be good stewards of those limited funds and, therefore, we cannot honor every single request we receive for financial help.
- Please see rules above for what we can and cannot assist with.
- FISH is staffed almost entirely by volunteers. We have only one part time operations director as paid staff. Please be considerate of this fact. We cannot "do it all". :^)
- AND LAST Thank you for trusting us to try to help you and your family! It is a blessing to serve the community in this way. We really do try our best and we really do care.

Client code:	Paymt #	
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Agency #: acct #:	
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### **APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID – CLIENT DATA**

	NAME		
	Last 4 Digits SSN <u>XXX - XX -</u>		
	SPOUSE OR PARTNER		
	PARTNER Last 4 Digits SSN XXX - XX -		
	ADDRESS		
	CITYZIP CODE		
COPY OF PHOTO ID MUST BE ATTACHED.			
`	COPY OF <b>IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS</b> FOR <b>ALL MEMBERS HOUSEHOLD</b> MUST BE ATTACHED	OF	THE
	TELEPHONE NUMBER		
	MARITAL STATUS S M D W Separated CO-HABIT		

#### AID IS REQUESTED TO BE PAID FOR

<u>CIRCLE ONE</u> SECURITY DEPOSIT – ELECTRIC – HEAT – WATER/SEWER

Pennridge FISH is a charitable 501 [c] 3 organization, registered in the State of Pennsylvania. We serve low-income clients residing in the Pennridge School District with an emergency Food pantry, Clothing outlet, and Financial Assistance for necessary utilities. There is never a charge for our services. FISH is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

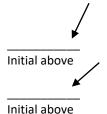
# **IMPORTANT-**COPY OF THE INVOICE OR LEASE MUST BE ATTACHED

Pay to agency	
Address & PO Box	
City	State Zip
Amount owed	Amount approved

The following three [2] statements must be initialed:

This application may be shared with:

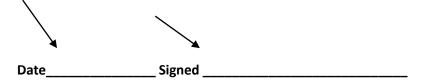
- Bucks County Opportunity Council
- Keystone Opportunity Center
- Salvation Army



The agency or landlord listed as Pay to agency

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I certify that the information contained above is correct to the best of my knowledge, and further acknowledge that invalid information may be prosecuted under the statutes of theft by deception, a criminal offense.



Mail to: Pennridge FISH - Po Box 9, Perkasie, PA 18944