



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

Raven Cares, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization that is committed to enriching the lives of individuals who are committed to or seeking recovery from the use of drugs and alcohol by working directly with communities, organizations, families, and individuals. Raven Care is dedicated to removing barriers to reentry for those in recovery.

Selection Committee:

A selection committee appointed by the Board of Directors shall review all applications for financial assistance. The selection committee shall consist of community members who are not employed and have no financial relationship, either personally or through a family member, to Edgewater Recovery Center, LLC or Raven Cares, LLC.

Meeting of the Selection Committee:

The selection committee shall meet, as needed, to make determinations on financial assistance policies. The decision of the committee shall be recorded in the notes of the committee meeting.

Who Qualifies:

Individuals who are in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse or family members and loved ones seeking a Casey's law for an individual in active addiction. If an individual is in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse, the individual shall establish:

- That treatment, either inpatient or intensive outpatient, has been completed or that the individual is currently receiving treatment.
- A family member, friend, or partner seeking costs associated with Casey's law for associated costs including assessments, evaluations, attorney's fees, and transportation.
- Raven Cares will not require a certain amount of "clean time."
- The only residential requirements are that the individual reside in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Considerations in Selecting an Applicant:

- An applicant shall establish financial need. Individuals above the average median area income shall establish an outstanding reason for the need.
- The applicant shall establish that the funds will be utilized to further Raven Cares' mission.
- Raven Cares cannot require that the treatment was a certain duration or that it meets certain standards or criteria, Raven Cares can only require that the individual is in treatment or has completed treatment.
- Applicants may have completed treatment at any treatment center, whether it is inpatient or intensive outpatient.
- Raven Cares cannot ask for medical records from the applicant's treatment but can request a letter or certificate of completion.
- If Raven Cares pays for Casey's law costs for an individual, the Petitioner shall have free choice in selecting a place of treatment for the Respondent.



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What Funds Can be Used for:

Individuals seeking treatment for substance use; assisting individuals in recovery with the costs associated with stable housing, healthcare, obtaining employment, educational costs, childcare, housing, and other barriers encountered by those re-entering society after addiction; providing individuals with educational and job opportunities; and assisting with the costs related to expungement. Other reasons, as outlined by the Articles of Organization.

Prohibition on Funds Use:

- Funds shall not be used for any transaction deemed to violate federal, state, or local laws.
- Funds shall not be used for housing or services furnished by any entity with a financial relationship with Raven Cares or Edgewater Recovery Center.

Process for Disbursement of Funds:

- Raven Cares shall issue a check to the entity offering services to the applicant. For example, if the funds are used for rental assistance, the check shall be issued to the Lessor directly.
- The check shall be issued within five (5) business days of the selection committee meeting.
- Documentation of all funds dispersed shall be maintained for a period of twenty (20) years.

Agreement by Applicants:

- If the funds are used for a refundable deposit for rent, the applicant agrees to notify Raven Cares when they leave the housing unit and shall return the refundable deposit to Raven Cares.
- Applicant agrees that the funds shall be used for the applicant and applicant's household only and for no other individual.
- Applicant agrees to assist and cooperate with Raven Cares to obtain any necessary paperwork related to the disbursement of funds.
- Applicant understands and agrees that by providing funds to the applicant, Raven Cares is not responsible and takes no liability whatsoever for the purpose for which the funds are being used. Raven Cares does not inspect housing prior to providing grant funding or research medical providers or institutions, as such, Raven Cares shall have no liability in the grant of funds and applicant accepts all liability for the services or items acquired by the funds.