



B. Thomas Golisano Life Enhancement Fund
Future Care Community Pooled Trust
Guidelines for Requesting Financial Assistance
2017

Purpose: The B. Thomas Golisano Life Enhancement Fund is intended to enhance the lives of community members with disabilities and special needs who reside in Upstate New York.

Eligibility:

1. Beneficiaries must be disabled pursuant to Section 1614(a) (3) [42USC1382c (a) (3)] of the Social Security Act.
2. Beneficiaries must live in a non- certified independent setting within the Greater Rochester/ Finger Lakes Region, east to Syracuse and west to Buffalo.

Types of goods and services for consideration include: accessibility for home safety, adaptive equipment, clothing, durable medical goods, furniture, health and wellness services, household items, life enhancement activities, and medications.

Types of goods and services not allowable include: alcohol, automobile purchases, repairs or other related maintenance expenses, auto insurance, NYS inspections, gas, bail, cash advances taken on credit cards, firearms, gifts/gift cards, goods and services covered through other funding mechanisms (e.g. state or federal sources, Medicaid, or private insurances), medical expenses eligible to reduce monthly surplus income, mortgage, payments to financial institutions "(e.g. debit charges, overdraft fees, lines of credit and credit card interest or late fees)". Pornography, rent, restitution and related legal fees, security deposits, taxes, tobacco products, utilities.

Please Note: These lists are meant to be illustrative rather than exhaustive. Grants will be made on an individual basis.

Procedure for requesting funds: The B. Thomas Golisano Life Enhancement Fund accepts requests from community professionals affiliated with a charitable or other service organization on behalf of an individual Beneficiary. The requested goods or services must be for the **sole benefit** of the Beneficiary and not otherwise available through public benefits or other resources. Applications are reviewed monthly by the Future Care Trustees. Once Trustee approval is obtained, written authorization will be issued to the community professional. The community professional's agency will purchase the approved item and will send a copy of receipt and the grant authorization letter to the Future Care office for reimbursement. Checks will be made payable to requesting agency. Please provide full agency name and mailing address. Checks will not be written directly to the Beneficiary.

Please note: The fund generally does not fund costs associated warranty or product protection plan expenses. If a warranty is being requested as part of the application request, please submit an additional justification addressing the need for the warranty and the Trustees will take it into consideration when reviewing the request.

Grants may be made to benefit eligible Beneficiaries once per calendar year for an amount up to \$500.00.

Please submit the completed application, proof of disability and invoice/quote by mail, fax or e-mail. Our contact information is:

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Please Note:

- Incomplete applications will delay processing time. Community Professionals must provide all requested information to support their request.
- If for any reason funds are no longer needed, please notify the B. Thomas Golisano Life Enhancement Fund at Future Care immediately. If a reimbursement is necessary, please send check payable to Future Care Community Pooled Trust/B. Thomas Golisano Life Enhancement Fund and include an explanation, name of Beneficiary/individual applicant and date on original check. **Please do not send cash or coin.**
- In the event a claim for goods or services is discovered to be fraudulent, the Beneficiary is responsible for repaying the Future Care Community Pooled Trust/ B. Thomas Golisano Life Enhancement Fund and applicant may not apply for future funds on behalf of the Beneficiary.
- Grants may be subject to tax. Future Care will mail a K-1- to the originating agency by March 15 for the previous tax year.