

# Benefit Programs

<https://clergyassurancefund.org/clergy/wellness-fund-assistance>

**WELLNESS FUNDS:** Insured clergy and immediate family members may access Wellness Funds for a variety of needs. The most common use of these funds are reimbursements of medical, dental and prescription drug expenses that have not been covered by medical insurance but we also fund spiritual retreats (\$1,500 maximum), counseling, and other similar needs. There is a limit of \$5,000 per family for each CAF fiscal year. (April 1-March 31)

To request a Wellness Fund grant an application is completed by the cleric and submitted to the diocesan bishop or designated pastoral care officer. When a Wellness Fund request is made, the bishop can see if other diocesan funds may be used to address the need and provide pastoral care.

When the bishop has signed the application, it is submitted to the Corporation's office for payment. Payments can be made to the cleric as reimbursement for funds already disbursed or directly to service or care providers for fees yet to be paid.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME:** The surviving spouse may be eligible to apply for need-based Supplemental Income. Grants are intended to help provide an adequate margin of income for fixed expenses such as housing, utilities, insurance, and medical care. The process begins with an application submitted in February for grants determined in March and distributed quarterly beginning in April. Funds may be available at other times of year.

Please contact the Chaplain at [chaplain@clergyassurancefund.org](mailto:chaplain@clergyassurancefund.org)

<https://clergyassurancefund.org/family/supplemental-income>

**EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS:** Educational Assistance grants of up to \$7,500 per year are available to the children of deceased insured clergy through the completion of undergraduate education. These are also generally approved in March although requests can be submitted at other times as needed. Call to determine if we still have funds available: 215-557-6960

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**EMERGENCY AID:** Emergency Aid funds are available for widowed spouses of deceased clergy and their dependent children. These need-based funds can be used for various emergency life circumstances. Grants are capped at \$5,000 per family for each CAF fiscal year (April 1 - March 3). Potential applicants should complete the form found at the link below. <https://clergyassurancefund.org/family/emergency-aid-grant>.

**SPOUSAL DEATH BENEFIT:** If your spouse or life partner dies, please contact the office at 215-557-6960 or [operations@ClergyAssuranceFund.org](mailto:operations@ClergyAssuranceFund.org).

You will be asked to submit a copy of the death certificate and, possibly, additional documentation in the case of a non-marital relationship based on the individual circumstances.

**SABBATICAL GRANTS:** The Clergy Assurance Fund offers sabbatical grants of up to \$5,000 to Episcopal clergy currently serving in Pennsylvania.

The purpose of a sabbatical is to promote personal, spiritual, professional, and academic enrichment for continued ministry. A written description of the sabbatical plan should be submitted to the Bishop no less than 90 days before it commences. The application is available from the CAF office. [Office@ClergyAssuranceFund.org](mailto:Office@ClergyAssuranceFund.org)

**INSURANCE CLAIMS:** When the insured clergy dies the surviving family should contact the office of the Corporation to report the death. A copy of the death certificate is required to release the death benefit to the designated beneficiaries which is normally accomplished within 10 days of receiving the certificate. [office@clergyassurancefund.org](mailto:office@clergyassurancefund.org) or 215-557-6960

**UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION:** Have you updated your information? Visit the website: <https://clergyassurancefund.org/clergy/change-policy-information>

**UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARY:** Claims for death benefits are issued to the beneficiaries named in your file at the office. If there is a discrepancy based on death or life changes such as divorce or separation, a claim may be held up. We can check your file if you call us at 215-557-6960.

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**Additional Paid Coverage:** If you wish to obtain additional insurance coverage at very competitive rates (rates that are highly subsidized from our earnings on investments), call the office at 215-557-6960 or email [Office@ClergyAssuranceFund.org](mailto:Office@ClergyAssuranceFund.org) for a rate quote, then complete the form on the web site, print it out, and mail it to us with your initial premium payment.

Additional Coverage

24-40: to 150,000

41-50: 100,000

51-60: 75,000

61-72: 50,000

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