

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Grant Program

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation (BTCF) has undertaken a new initiative called **Neighbor to Neighbor** and has partnered with Berkshire Community Action Council [BCAC] to administer this grant program

As part of this program, and in conjunction with an anonymous donor, BTCF has established a separate **Neighbor-to-Neighbor** Program for the seven towns of the Central Berkshire District, which includes Dalton, Hinsdale, Windsor, Peru, Cummington, Becket and Washington. BTCF continues to offer the regular **Neighbor-to-Neighbor** Program for all of Berkshire County, which is also administered by BCAC.

The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program [N2N] is a flexible grant generally less than \$500, but up to \$1,000 in special circumstances, that provides financial assistance to individuals and families, who reside in Berkshire County, and are experiencing a financial or medical crisis, an emergency situations in a particular area of their lives that a one time financial intervention should help stabilize their situation and ameliorate potential extended crisis.

A typical N2N grant might assist with paying an overdue utility bill, a payment towards a medical bill, short-term housing costs, car insurance/repair or other expenses that will alleviate an immediate crisis and leverage other financial support to assist a family or individual in crisis. N2N grants are not intended for long term or ongoing assistance, but for a strategic intervention to help achieve some measure of stability. The intent is to use N2N funds to assist situations where other funds cannot and to refer client sponsors to all other possible sources of support.

All applications for Neighbor-to-Neighbor grants must originate from a recognized nonprofit community based organization or Church. Applications and links to the Grant Program are available on the BCAC website at www.bcacinc.org or by calling 413.445.4503 X140.

Feel free to contact BCAC when you next have a client that is in need of emergency assistance. If you have any questions about this transition, please contact me.

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