Seattle Relief Fund FAQ

1. Will everyone who applies for Seattle Relief Fund receive this financial assistance?

Due to limited funds, we are unable to serve everyone. Some eligible applicants might not receive financial support. The review process is NOT first come, first served.

To support those with the most need, we are prioritizing applicants based on the following criteria that are listed in no particular order:

- Households who experienced harm from violence since March 2020, including hate/bias crime and survivors of domestic violence.
- Families with children or adult dependents, single parents, single and pregnant persons, and households with at least one member who has a disability.
- Households that experienced job/income loss as a result of the COVID-19 crisis AND were unable to access state unemployment benefits.
- Households that did not qualify for federal stimulus payments.
- Households where any member was uninsured for health care in 2020 or 2021.
- Households where any member experienced a mental health or substance use crisis and sought medication or counseling due to the COVID-19 crisis.
- Households that experienced housing instability, (examples include and not limited to staying in emergency shelters, inability to pay rent or mortgage, seeking emergency homeownership assistance) since March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

2. How can I check to see if I live within the City of Seattle boundaries?


3. What types of income will I need to include in this application?

You will be asked to provide your household average monthly income, which includes wages, tips, commissions, payments from self-employment activities, child support, unemployment, paid family and medical leave, retirement, and Social Security benefits. If your household receives public benefits, you will also be asked to provide the average monthly amount you receive from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8), Refugee Cash Assistance, or Supplemental Security Income. You do not need to include income tax refunds, child tax credit payments, one-time rent assistance, and federal economic stimulus payments in your calculation.

4. I received financial aid from the 2020 Seattle COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund for Immigrants. Can I still apply for the 2021 Seattle Relief Fund?

If you received financial aid from the 2020 Seattle COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund for Immigrants, you are not eligible for this funding. Please do not apply for the 2021 Seattle Relief Fund.

You should already have been contacted by Scholarship Junkies in August 2021 to confirm your eligibility for an additional round of funding. If you received funding last year, and you did not receive a recertification notification through text or email, please call or text (206) 312-1630 or email update@seattlecovidfund.org.