



CATASTROPHIC HARDSHIP GRANT REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

Before you begin to complete your application, review the required documentation and have the following items available to upload. Ensure you provide the most recent information available.

STANDARD DOCUMENTATION

- Most recent Federal tax return in entirety, **including** 1099's and W-2's.
- Most recent bank statements (checking and savings) for personal and business accounts in entirety. Most banks allow you to download a pdf copy from their website. **Please do not submit screen shots or summary of transactions. We need the full statement showing account holder details, including account holder names.**
- Most recent statement for investment account(s), CD's, annuities, if applicable.
- Most recent credit card statements, in entirety. Do not submit the first page only.
- Most recent statements for car loans, mortgage(s), educational and other loans.
- Most recent pay stub(s) or P&Ls.
- Statements for alternate income sources, such as SSI, retirement payments, etc.

MEDICAL GRANT EVENT DOCUMENTATION

- If you have medical insurance: Download/export a summary of claims (this will generally be a csv or excel file). The summary will show one line item per charge with columns showing amount charged, amount paid by insurance and amount owed by patient. Please do not submit individual EOBs and/or medical bills.
- Please also send your Summary of Benefits (sometimes called a Plan Benefit Summary or Statement of Benefits) which will show your annual deductible, out-of-pocket maximum, and details regarding in-network and out-of-network costs.
- If you do not have medical insurance: provide medical bills, ensuring **no duplicates** are submitted. Please also ensure the self-pay discount is applied/noted on the medical bills.
- Completed and signed [Physician's Statement](#).
- Estimates for modifications to home (wheelchair ramp, stairlift, etc.) or estimates for wheelchair-accessible van, if applicable.
- Travel expenses, if applicable.

HOUSING DISASTER GRANT EVENT DOCUMENTATION

- Incident report from emergency service agency, such as fire department, if applicable.
- Insurance claim settlement report.
- Insurance declarations page.
- FEMA assistance or denial letter, if applicable.
- Estimates for repairs.
- Inventory of personal belongings lost.
- Photos of damage.

Grants are available for the applicant's **primary** residence only.

KW Cares grants are not intended to make a grant applicant whole. They are intended to provide a degree of assistance for essential expenses for the applicant's primary residence.

KW Cares cannot duplicate assistance provided by another source, such as insurance settlements. In most cases, the assistance KW Cares can provide will be limited to the deductible. However, those who are underinsured may receive further assistance if funds from another source are not sufficient to cover expenses and essential needs directly caused by a disaster.

Applicants are required to provide KW Cares with all insurance documentation, including the insurance declarations page, policy coverage details, and insurance settlement details. KW Cares requires that a grantee exhausts all insurance remedies before applying for a Catastrophic Hardship Grant. That means, if a grantee is owed a greater sum under his/her policy coverage limits than the insurance company has paid or attempted to settle, KW Cares cannot immediately make up the difference between the settlement amount and the cost to repair the home due to damage from a disaster. This is because the insurance company has the duty to settle per such policy limits. *In this instance, KW Cares strongly recommends the grant applicant seek the service of a public adjuster.* Once the applicant can show he/she has gone through the final appeal process with the insurance company and unmet needs still exist, the individual can then move forward in applying for a grant with KW Cares.