

pagosa OUTREACH Connection

Mission Statement:

The Pagosa Outreach Connection is a partnership of individuals and organizations that provide emergency assistance to people in need. Our goal is to empower people and families to move toward independence and self-sufficiency, offering, not a hand out, but a helping hand.

For More Information Please Contact

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WHAT IS Pagosa Outreach Connection

We are a collaborative multi-agency effort aimed at providing normally a one time, emergency “last resort” assistance to individuals or families facing near term financial crisis.

WHO IS Pagosa Outreach Connection

Funding agencies include the United Way of Southwest Colorado, the Archuleta County Department of Social Services, the La Plata Electric Round-up Foundation, the Salvation Army Archuleta County, Methodist Church, St. Patrick’s Episcopal, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Rotary Club, AM Rotary, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Grace Evangelical Free Church, Congregation Kadima Yisreal, Centerpoint Church, Mtn. Heights Baptist Church, Restoration Fellowship In-kind donation of advocacy & administration services is provided by The Archuleta County Department of Human Services. Other agencies and organizations are invited to participate within the existing framework.

PURPOSE

The goal of POC is to change a person or family from being dependent to being independent. In doing so, a one time assistance might be needed to help with an extraordinary situation. At other times, a longer, more controlled situation might be needed for a person or family to move toward independence. POC is willing to offer assistance.

FUNCTION

Applications are referred by any agencies and are screened and their data verified by the staff of Archuleta County Department of Human Services. Representatives of participating organizations meet weekly to consider applications and to determine type and amount of assistance to be provided – if any. Applicants are advised of funding decisions immediately following that meeting.

FINANCIAL

Payments are made directly to the service provider, never to the applicant. Pagosa Outreach Connection makes the payments and maintains the checkbook while United Way of Southwest Colorado acts as the fiscal agent.

RESTRICTIONS

Individual funding agency restrictions are honored, i.e. Round-up Foundation cannot pay electric bills, Salvation Army can only be accessed once a year etc. An individual is limited to a one-time assistance from Pagosa Outreach Connection. Rental and utility deposits are not funded.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

To receive assistance the individual is expected to be free from any illegal substances; this individual may be subjected to drug testing.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidentiality of applicant is maintained, however a “release of information” must be signed so that details may be verified. Occasional releases for publicity purposes may be requested but are not required.

ASSISTANCE LEVELS

No per applicant dollar limits are specified, however practical considerations based on available funding generally limit grants, with the majority ranging between \$150 and \$600.