



City of Boston
Mayor Martin J. Walsh
Treasury

The Trustees of Charitable Donations for Inhabitants of Boston

The Trustees of Charitable Donations for Inhabitants of Boston (ToCD), is a public charitable trust made up of small private funds that have been entrusted to the City of Boston to assist City residents facing financial hardship. A Board of Trustees, representing a diverse cross-section of Boston residents, reviews applications and approves assistance grants on a month-to-month basis. The grants are intended to help City residents regain financial stability and are limited to a one-time gift per household.

How does the ToCD help?

Q. Who can receive assistance?

A. Boston residents only.

Q. What is eligible for assistance?

A. Past due rent and utility bills with balances that are \$2000 or less, home heating oil, and relocation assistance in certain circumstances.

Q. Are there any exceptions to the \$2,000 limit?

A. If the past due balance is greater than \$2,000, but the applicant is eligible for a payment plan with their creditor, the ToCD may be able to provide assistance.

Q. What is **NOT** eligible for assistance?

A. Phone or cell phone bills, vehicle repairs, tuition, education loans, license fees, funerals, homeowner repairs, warranties, taxes, parking tickets, excise tax, liens, credit cards payments, clothing purchases, Christmas toys, legal fees, cable or internet bills, club memberships, mortgages, security deposits or last month's rent.

The ToCD is also generally not able to assist in anticipation of arrears—the bill must already be late.

Note: The ToCD is a “last resort agency” and should only be contacted after the applicant has attempted to seek assistance from other charitable agencies and/or programs.

If you need assistance completing your application, please contact the ToCD by phone: (617) 635-2131 or email: tocd@boston.gov.

Submit the application in ENGLISH via this link: boston.gov/tocd