



Guidelines and Application

Why was the fund created?

The Philando Castile Relief Fund (PCRF) was created out of the tragic loss of Philando Castile. Philando's life was tragically and publicly taken in 2016 by a police officer shooting during a traffic stop. At the time, Philando had been working for the St. Paul school district for 15+ years in food nutrition. Because of Philando's generosity and continued desire to support the children he worked around, it was a natural transition to sustain that generosity to others after his passing. In addition, Philando's mother and family maintained a desire to not allow his death to be forgotten or seen as another statistical loss to gun violence. The PCRF is another way to keep Philando's generosity paying itself forward, and assisting other parents that have suffered the loss of a loved one from gun violence.

What is the purpose of the fund?

The purpose of the Philando Castile Relief Fund is to provide immediate assistance to parents who are experiencing loss of a loved one from gun violence. It is during the first moments of experiencing such a tragic loss that parents and families may feel helpless and overwhelmed as they attempt to meet their immediate needs. Philando's mother and family wanted to be intentional about offering assistance to them during such a time.

What type of relief is given?

The type of relief provided is short-term and immediate. Relief is disbursed in the form of gift cards, with a maximum grant of \$250 to eligible applicants. Funds are intended to meet immediate needs for funeral clothing, food and other tangible resources. Relief may also be in the form of connecting applicants to long-term resources and spiritual support.

What criteria must be met?

Relief funds are intended to support parents of loved ones lost by gun violence. There is only one (1) application allotted per household per death. Timeframe of loss must be within two (2) weeks of request for support/assistance. Max limit of support/assistance \$250 (will be provided in various resources). Applicant and lost loved one must be a resident of the Twin Cities.

