The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

The Grimco Cares Fund

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

THE PROGRAM: This Fund helps employees or eligible dependents who are experiencing economic hardship and are unable to afford housing, utilities, and other basic living needs because of a **natural disaster; life-threatening illness or injury; death or other catastrophic or extreme circumstances** beyond the employee's control.

ELIGIBILITY: All Grimco, Inc. employees who are 1) regularly scheduled to work 30 or more hours per week; 2) employed by Grimco, Inc. or its affiliates for at least one year prior to this application; and 3) actively employed or approved leave of absence no more than one year are eligible to apply for The Grimco Cares Fund. If the employee has passed away, then a spouse or eligible dependent may apply. A copy a paystub or payment statement should be attached to help verify employment. **An employee can only be approved for assistance once within a 12-month period.**

GRANTS: The maximum grant amount available for assistance is $1,500. The maximum award is not guaranteed, and in many cases, a lesser amount will be awarded. All payments are made directly to vendors as bill payments; no assistance funds will be sent directly to applicants and applicants will not be reimbursed.

Community Foundation staff is available to assist all applicants with this process. Call 615-321-4939 ex.115 with questions.

SECTION A: WILL YOU QUALIFY?

To qualify for this program and receive assistance you must meet all 3 of these requirements:

- ☐ You must be currently employed by Grimco, Inc. **and** have been employed for at least one year.
- ☐ The qualifying incident must have happened within the past 60 days.
- ☐ Your situation MUST fall into one of these four categories: *(check the one below that describes your situation)*

☐ **Natural Disaster:** For situations, such as a wildfire, flood, tornado, hurricane, severe storms or earthquake, that have damaged or destroyed the employee's primary residence. The Fund cannot pay to repair other property and cannot pay to replace non-essential items, such as electronics or furnishings. *Photographs or insurance reports may be required.*

☐ **Life-Threatening Or Serious Illness Or Injury:** For the employee, spouse and eligible dependent(s). The Fund is not a substitute for medical insurance and employees do not automatically qualify for a grant when they, or their dependents, are diagnosed with or suffer a life-threatening or serious illness or injury. There must be resulting financial need including an inability to pay basic living expenses. *Doctor confirmation or medical documentation will be required.*

☐ **Death Incident:** This includes the death of the employee, spouse or eligible dependent(s). The loss of income, cost of burial or funeral expenses, or remaining medical costs of the deceased prevents an employee or the employee's family from affording basic living expenses. This program cannot pay for travel to funerals, caskets, grave markers, burials or other funeral expenses. *Copy of the death certificate or obituary will be required.*

☐ **Catastrophic or Extreme Circumstances:** This includes but is not limited to: fire, major home damage that could not be prevented, serious crime against the employee (robbery, arson, assault, domestic abuse, extreme vandalism), or another reportable incident beyond the employee's control that impacts the ability to afford basic needs. Catastrophic or extreme circumstances **do not** include: credit card debt, home foreclosure, wage garnishment, bankruptcy, child support payment, car repair, taxes, or accumulated financial distress. *Police, Fire or other official incident report may be required.*

SECTION B: YOUR GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name (please print clearly): _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County/Parish: _____

Daytime Phone: (_____) _____ Is it okay to leave you a message? ☐YES ☐NO

Other Phone: (_____) _____ Is it okay to leave you a message? ☐YES ☐NO

Current Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

** Approval notification is sent to you by mail, so please provide a valid mailing address **

Where are you employed? _____ City: _____ State: _____

Date of Hire: _____ Job Title: _____ Supervisor: _____

Employee Name (please print clearly): _____

SECTION C: DESCRIBE YOUR SITUATION

Which qualifying situation caused the financial hardship? (Read the descriptions on page 1 in **Section A**. Circle the category **below** that best fits your situation. *Call 615-321-4939 with questions.)*

Natural Disaster **Life-Threatening Illness or Injury** **Death Incident** **Catastrophic or Extreme Circumstances**

Name of Incident: _____ Date of Incident: _____
(example: tornado, fire, flood, type of injury, name of illness, domestic abuse) **(must be within past 60 days)**

Who has been affected by the situation? _____

Is the affected person covered by medical or disability insurance? _____ Have they applied for disability benefits? _____

If your home was damaged, will insurance cover part of the cost? _____ Your deductible amount? _____

How many people live in your household? Number of adults _____ Number of children_____

Describe the incident in detail: What happened? _____

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Describe how the incident has caused your financial hardship: How has this made it hard to afford your basic living needs?

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Estimate the financial impact of the incident: How much has this cost you? _____

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Please tell us anything else that would help us understand the hardship you or your family are experiencing. **If this application is being completed by someone other than the employee (as in the case of death or other inability to complete the form), please explain and provide a contact name and information.** _____

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Have other resources been considered or used, such as American Red Cross, Salvation Army, local faith organizations, your state 2-1-1 referral service, or other, similar social services agencies? Describe those efforts and the response you received:

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Employee Name (please print clearly): _____

SECTION D: ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Grants are only to help pay for limited types of essential living expenses, which are:

- Rent, mortgage or other housing payments
- Temporary housing and security deposits for new housing
- Essential utility bills (electricity, heat, water)
- Medical expenses incurred within past 60 days related to the incident and not covered by insurance
- Minor home repairs needed to maintain home safety and livability

Grants cannot be made to pay for other, non-essential expenses do not request payment for these things, such as:

- Insurance premiums of any kind
- Cable, phone or internet service
- Car payments, repairs or car insurance
- Furniture, appliances, electronics
- Funeral expenses or grave markers
- Accumulated financial issues or credit card debt
- Accidental damages due to negligence
- Legal fees, legal fines or court costs

If the application is approved, payments will be made on your behalf to the vendor(s) you list. **All grants are made directly to vendors as bill payments; no assistance funds will be sent directly to you, and no reimbursements can be made.**

Provide the name of the vendor to be paid, the complete address, the account number or identifying information, amount due, and due date. Although the maximum grant amount is $1,500, smaller sums are often awarded, so list the vendors in order of priority. **For each vendor, attach appropriate documentation (bills, lease, mortgage coupon, statement, etc).**

NOTE : We cannot make payments without clear, complete information including full account numbers or other payment information, addresses and documentation. Omitting this information or copies of your bills will delay your application.

Vendor/Biller Name	
Complete Mailing Address for Payment	
Basic Need Covered	
Payment Amount & Due Date	
Account Number or Identifying Information	

Vendor/Biller Name	
Complete Mailing Address for Payment	
Basic Need Covered	
Payment Amount & Due Date	
Account Number or Identifying Information	

Vendor/Biller Name	
Complete Mailing Address for Payment	
Basic Need Covered	
Payment Amount & Due Date	

Employee Name (please print clearly): _____

Account Number or Identifying Information	

Application Checklist:

Did you remember the following:

- ✓ Carefully read the requirements to see if you qualify
- ✓ A copy of your paystub or payment statement (to help verify employment)
- ✓ Complete Sections A-D of the application
- ✓ Check Section D that your grant requests are allowed by the program
- ✓ Sign Section E: Declarations and Agreement page
- ✓ Attach copies of documentation such as: bills, leases, mortgage coupon or statement
- ✓ Include all required documentation (medical, police & fire reports, obituaries, etc…)

SECTION E: DECLARATIONS AND AGREEMENT

No employee is entitled to receive a grant, either by their employment, their history of contributions to the Fund or because of any precedent inferred from a previous grant from the Fund. Grants will not be made before an employee has demonstrated an immediate financial need and provided all required documentation.

This application will be treated in a confidential manner by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee; however non-identifying statistical information will be reported to Grimco, Inc. on a periodic basis.

Employees are expected to provide truthful and accurate information. In its due diligence, if The Foundation discovers any information to be untrue, it shall have the right to unilaterally waive its confidentiality and report its findings to the Company. The fiduciary expectations of all Grimco, Inc. employees are paramount and a breach of these standards will be reported to Grimco, Inc.

Your signature below certifies that the information provided is true and complete, authorizes The Community Foundation to obtain and/or verify all information necessary to process this application, and releases Grimco, Inc. and The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee from any liability associated with the rejection of or funding of this application. Remember that the maximum amount any employee or family member can receive in a 12-month period is $1,500. It is likely that, from time to time, lesser amounts will be awarded. In addition, you agree to provide the requested documentation supporting the information provided.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Each application for a grant must include:

- Assistance Application
- Vendor documentation (bills to be paid)
- A copy of the death certificate or obituary notice if Death Incident
- Police, Fire, or other official incident report if for Catastrophic Circumstances
- Medical documentation if needed
- Copy of paystub or payment statement

Mail or fax completed and signed application with requested documentation to:

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