

“You’ve Got a Friend Fund” (YGAFF) provides mini-grants of up to \$1,000 to individuals across Hancock County in need of assistance to overcome specific hurdles or setbacks and accomplish goals in order to reach greater self-sufficiency and quality of life.

Qualifying examples may include:

- Successful completion of the majority of college degree requirements, in need of tuition funds to graduate;
- Need for a single rent, mortgage or loan payment to retain housing or transportation at risk due to temporary employment discontinuity;
- Need for car repairs in order to maintain reliable transportation to and from work;
- Local micro-farmers and gardeners wishing to share an overabundance of seasonal produce needing support to transport and distribute the food to individuals and families in need.

To be considered for a YGAFF grant award, applicants must provide the following:

- 1) A clear objective that has been embarked upon, partially achieved and/or a specific misfortune or setback that threatens to disrupt normal quality of life;
- 2) A demonstrated need for \$1,000 or less to enable completion of this objective or to overcome the setback; and
- 3) A willingness to remain in contact with YGAFF to provide feedback regarding the efficacy of the grant.

YGAFF is coordinated by a Steering Committee under the non-profit home of Healthy Acadia, a community health coalition dedicated to building vibrant communities throughout Hancock and Washington counties: www.healthyacadia.org. Apply online at: <https://www.healthyacadia.org/documents/GrantApplication/>

To learn more about the You’ve Got a Friend Fund, please contact Nina Zeldin at Healthy Acadia at 667-7171 or nina@healthyacadia.org. Donations to the Fund are welcome. Please make checks out to Healthy Acadia, YGAFF and mail or deliver to Healthy Acadia, 140 State Street, Suite 1, Ellsworth, ME 04605. You may also donate online at <https://healthyacadia.org/donate>. Please specify "YGAFF" in the memo detail.