

**MENTAL HEALTH FUND GUIDELINES JUNE 2022**

The Aspen Strong Mental Health Fund at Aspen Community Foundation (ACF) provides financial assistance for individuals and families who find themselves struggling to cope with a mental health problem and cannot afford to pay for treatment.

Requests of up to \$2,500 may be submitted by a licensed behavioral health practitioner or organization/agency that is providing case management to an individual or family seeking mental health treatment.

To apply, please submit the Mental Health Fund Patient/Client Application describing the applicant’s circumstances and financial need to [mhf@aspenstrong.org](mailto:mhf@aspenstrong.org).

**REQUEST TYPES**

1. Immediate post-crisis mental health treatment
2. Preventative counseling/therapy (private or group)
3. Psychiatric assessment
4. Medication management
5. Substance abuse treatment

**CRITERIA**

1. The Mental Health Fund support is limited to the residents of Pitkin and Garfield counties and portions of Eagle County in the Roaring Fork Valley and Colorado River Valley Corridor of Colorado.
2. Requests may be made on behalf of individuals and families who are uninsured, underinsured or have serious financial challenges.
3. If the client has private insurance or Medicaid/Medicare, you must describe why the client’s needs cannot be met by using a service that accepts these forms of payment.
4. The maximum allowable grant is \$2,500 per applicant per 12-month period.
5. Referring providers must have a current Provider Application on file with Aspen Strong.
6. Referring providers must be licensed (in good standing) to practice in the State of Colorado and hold liability insurance.
7. Referring providers must agree to provide services at a reduced rate (see rate table below).

Psychiatric Therapy	MD	NP	
½ Hour	\$160	\$115	
Individual Therapy	Psy.D, PhD	LPC, LCSW, LMFT	LSW
1 Hour	\$185	\$125	\$115

8. Referring providers must be willing to collaborate with ancillary services and community resources to promote patient’s wellbeing.
9. Referring providers will be required to provide a report on an annual basis describing how the funding was used. This reporting should include the number of clients served, behavioral health issues addressed, and demographic information (ages, gender, town of residence, etc.).
10. Aspen Strong does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sexual preference, physical circumstances or national origin. Referring providers must hold similar standards. Treatment or therapies based on specific religious practices will not be funded.