



# Kidwell/Cooper Grant



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# What is the Kidwell/Cooper Fund?

## **Kidwell/Cooper Fund**

This program was started in the 1991 when Graber Kidwell bequeathed money in his will to the Dallas Rotary Club Foundation for the establishment of a fund to assist a person who comes to the Club for emergency help in Dallas. In 2019, the Bill Cooper Fund was merged into this fund. The purpose of the fund is to award those in desperate need a one-time grant request of \$100-\$2,000 per incident.

We have partnered with YMCA, Salvation Army, USO DFW, American Red Cross, Our Friends Place, Homeless Veterans Services of Dallas, Inc., Reserve Aid and Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas. Funds may also be used toward the "Adopt a Family" program from the Woodrow Wilson High School Interact Club.

## **Kidwell/Cooper Grant | Request Form**

The Kidwell/Cooper Grant is here to help Dallas area families in emergency need. Please fill out this application for a Kidwell Grant request to be considered.

## **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING REQUEST**

- The amount requested may not exceed \$2,000.
- All requests must provide backup of the cause of the emergency (i.e. copy of electric bill, rental contract/invoice, etc. - the name of the individual receiving assistance must be clearly noted on the backup.)

**Dallas Rotary Club Foundation  
Kidwell/Cooper Grant  
Request Form**

The Kidwell/Cooper Grant Fund is here to help Dallas County area families in emergency need. Please fill out this application for a Kidwell/Cooper Grant Fund request between \$1-\$2,000 and return to The Dallas Rotary Club Foundation.

- All requests must provide backup of the cause of emergency (i.e. copy of electric bill, rent, etc.).
- Checks are not written to the individual directly.
- Requests are not guaranteed approval, each request is reviewed on an individual by individual basis.

**Organization Information:**

Request date:  Name of Requestor:

Name of Organization:

Telephone No.:

Contact Person:  Title:

Email Address:

**Funds Requested:**

Name of Applicant:

Reason for Fund Request:

**Check Information:**

Check Payable to:

Address to send the check:

  

Special Details [Account Numbers, etc]:

  
  

Date Needed By:

Amount Requested \$  (requested amount between \$1-\$2,000)

Name of Requestor:

Signature:  Date:

GRABER KIDWELL

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September 17, 1991

Mr. James L. Tarr  
Chairman  
Dallas Rotary Club Foundation  
400 S. Houston Street - Suite 390  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Mr. Tarr:

I desire to participate with the Dallas Rotary Club Foundation in implementing the stewardship of my savings upon my death.

I was born on February 4, 1910, meaning I am 81+ years old which means my days are numbered. I desire to get this matter completed soon, so I can be comfortable with it as I have with the other beneficiaries in my stewardship and before that time comes. Attached is a copy of my Last Will and Testament, dated July 30, 1991, for your guidance. Under Section 11 on page 2, paragraph C,1,c, you will find the controlling item relative to the Dallas Rotary Club Foundation. My residuary estate has a conservative value of \$750,000 plus, mainly made up of Municipal Bond Trust funds, a modest bank account and my GI insurance. As specified in Section 111, paragraph A on page 3, Attorney Ronald R. Cresswell is the Executor of my estate.

I admire and appreciate the four beneficiaries of other Dallas Rotary Foundation Funds as we know them today. They are organized and have an ongoing source for funding; so there is no real need of my supplementing those structures. However, I sense a void in our programs for helping people. I feel a need of a truly benevolent fund for the Dallas Rotary to fulfill emergency needs and operate within the framework of the Dallas Rotary Club Foundation.

I see the need for available funds to assist a person who comes to the Dallas Rotary Club for emergency help. I presume we refer such cases to the Salvation Army, Red Cross or Goodwill Industries today, but how great it would be for us to be able to say, "You bet, the Dallas Rotary Club will help you." "What are your emergency needs?"