

TOWN OF HOPE

HOPE CHEST POLICY

Introduction: The Hope Chest was created by Hope residents donating their own financial resources to help other Hope residents. It is fully funded by donations. No taxpayer money is used for this fund.

Administration: The Hope Chest is a discretionary fund. It is the intent of the Selectmen to dispense the Hope Chest funds for those in need of the necessities of life. In order to guard the dignity and privacy of any resident seeking assistance, the Selectmen will meet with residents in Executive Session. All decisions will be made by a majority vote. In case of an emergency, and while the Selectmen are out of session; a majority vote via email is needed. If a majority is unreachable; then 2 selectmen can make a decision to assist in an extreme emergency with a cap of \$250.00.

Criteria: Anyone applying or receiving assistance from the Hope Chest must:

- Be a resident of the Town of Hope
- Not be able to pay for the expense with General Assistance or any other sources of aid
- Must be an individual and not an entity or organization

Adopted by Board of Selectmen and effective on September 26, 2017