

# Fast-Offering Assistance



## Needs

Fast offerings are used when people need immediate, temporary aid in meeting physical needs. These could be housing, food, medicine, or other necessities. A priesthood leader can use fast-offering funds to help those with immediate needs. Long-term or chronic needs should be addressed with other tools found within this guide.



## Description

Many guides exist to help Church leaders give fast offerings and assist those in need:

1. ***General Handbook: Serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (2020), 22.2.2, "The Law of the Fast and Fast Offerings."***
2. **Self-Reliance Plan form**  
Church members in need fill out this form on their own or with the aid of a mentor. The form helps members assess their needs, income, and expenses and find resources within the Lord's storehouse. It will also help them decide what service they can give in return for assistance received and make their own plan for becoming more self-reliant.
3. ***Providing in the Lord's Way***  
This in-depth booklet details the doctrine, the principles, and the duties of leaders regarding self-reliance and providing Church assistance.
4. **Welfare and Self-Reliance Leader Resources**  
This website gives leaders a place to find training materials and other aids. These include handbooks, online links, Self-Reliance Plan forms, and information relating to welfare duties.

Depending on local or area needs, other fast-offering assignments and duties include:

1. Preparing medical fast-offering requests up to \$10,000 USD.

2. Reviewing fast-offering use and training needs or other action.



## Who is this for?

The primary audience for these resources is priesthood leaders at the ward or branch level who give help to those in need. Ward and stake council members may also use these resources to support bishops as they give others assistance.



## How it works

A priesthood leader will usually not give funds to the recipient directly. More precise information is given in the resources listed below.

These guides and forms are available online. *Providing in the Lord's Way* is also available in print and can be ordered from Church Distribution at [store.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](https://store.ChurchofJesusChrist.org).



## Where to learn more

*General Handbook*, 22.4, "Principles for Providing Church Assistance"

[ChurchofJesusChrist.org/study/manual/general-handbook?lang=eng](https://ChurchofJesusChrist.org/study/manual/general-handbook?lang=eng)

Self-Reliance Plan

[ChurchofJesusChrist.org/topics/welfare/leader-resources/topics](https://ChurchofJesusChrist.org/topics/welfare/leader-resources/topics)

*Providing in the Lord's Way*

[ChurchofJesusChrist.org/bc/content/ldsorg/topics/welfare/summary-leaders-guide-to-welfare.pdf](https://ChurchofJesusChrist.org/bc/content/ldsorg/topics/welfare/summary-leaders-guide-to-welfare.pdf)

Welfare and Self-Reliance Leader Resources

[ChurchofJesusChrist.org/callings/welfare-self-reliance](https://ChurchofJesusChrist.org/callings/welfare-self-reliance)

---

## Contact: