

Alameda County CalWORKS Client Assistance Fund (CAF)

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- 24 Hour Crisis Intervention, Emergency Relocation, and Emergency Response
- Legal Services- Restraining Order Pro Per Assistance & Legal Representation – Within an R/O: custody, support, move-out orders, etc.
- Prevention
- Therapy Services



A Bit of History...

- FVLC began administering CAF in 2001
- CAF developed from a DV Collaborative between SSA & DV Service Providers
- In its inception, the fund was intended to help survivors with immediate need

A bit of Context...

At Conceptualization & Implementation-

- Alameda County had Unit of DV Specialists
- DV Specialists were given specified training
- Part of Alameda County's effort to implement Welfare Reform
- DV Specialists had smaller caseload
- DV Unit collaborated heavily with service providers

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Who?

Domestic Violence Survivors
who are on CalWORKS themselves
or
are eligible for CalWORKS



Purpose of the Fund

- To assist CalWORKS & CalWORKs-eligible DV victims/survivors (and their children) by providing goods and/or services that will help *stabilize* the client's family home and *increase the client's ability* to obtain or maintain employment.

Examples:

- Rental assistance (e.g., security deposit, first/last month's rent)
- Deposits for utilities
- Car repairs
- Work clothing
- Motel stays
- Transportation (e.g., for relocation)
- Other Barriers to Employment



Additional Info...

- \$2000-\$3000 yearly
- Other available programs and funding must be researched and attempted first (within reason)
- CalWORKS eligible survivors must apply for CalWORKS to receive full yearly total

Importance:

➤ Access to Immediate Relocation Efforts

Origin of Mobile Response Team

- Team of DV Advocates providing 24 hour relocation services to survivors

➤ Quick Access to Funds

➤ Relieving Barriers to Sustainability/Employability, specifically related to safety

Thank You!

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