



Client Funding Basics for CSTs (as of July 2023)

- RAA tells all clients they are eligible for the **same amount** of funding, and that only **certain things** will be funded.
- Once this amount is spent, either per person or in total for the family, there is **no more** funding available.
- RAA staff may have spent some funds on your client/family **before** you/your team started.
- All volunteers matched with clients are **expected to fundraise**. See Additional Notes below.

Funding Amounts:

RAA Client	Amount
Each Adult	\$500
Each child dependent (any age still living with parent)	\$250

Approved purchases:

Area	Examples
Education	Books, GED/test costs, rides, cap/gown, school supplies
Employment	DL, ID, CDL/ work certifications, rides, clothing
Healthcare	Medicine, copays, dental, Green Card medical appt., rides
Relocation	Boxes, plane/bus tickets, rides, shipping costs, new home set up
Housing	Rent, bills, food, household necessities, etc.
Miscellaneous	Case by case basis; can be rejected (ex. new clothes and toys for kids, legal costs, ride to CWS)

Additional Notes:

- CTS volunteers are asked to **raise funds** (ideally the full amount) for their matched client/family (depending on family size). Teams must raise **50% of the needed funds** before they start working with clients.
- We truly believe that fundraising is easier than most think. Please see [this Fundraising Tips & Advice Slide Show](#).
- People often **like to give** to causes they believe in through people they trust. When CST volunteers tell their friends and family that they are helping a refugee rebuild their life through a non-profit organization, and they are raising funds that go directly to refugee(s) they will know first hand, donors respond.
- **RAA can help cover funds** that CSTs cannot raise, however, RAA's ability to accept new clients is dependent on both volunteer commitment and CST volunteer ability to help cover costs. The more you raise, the more families we can help.
- RAA **holds** all client money, so your donors can give **tax deductible**.
- Your family will tell you what they want/need, and your team will **vote on expenditures**.
- RAA **tracks** all client money, and will share your **team financial spreadsheet** with you/your team so you can always know what money you have, and be able to remind your client/family what is left and how it was spent.
- If CSTs raise **over** the allotted amount for their client/family (great!), RAA will use that money only for other clients/teams who don't have sufficient funds, or emergency client needs, **not** for general organizational funding. All raised funds go directly to clients.
- **In addition to general fundraising**, many teams create an **Amazon Wish List** of items the family wants, and advertise it to their family and friends, asking them to buy a small gift for a newly-arrived refugee (toaster, baby items, pots & pans). These are wildly successful, typically. You can find an Amazon Wish List how-to document, and all the CST fundraising & finances documents [here on our website](#).

Thank you for helping to raise funds so that RAA can afford to onboard more families!

How can my friends and family donate?

Via our [secure website](#):

Drop down menu displays
your team name.

Via check to:

Refugee Assistance Alliance
1825 Ponce de Leon Blvd. #145
Coral Gables, FL 33134
MEMO: your team name

