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In the Know Newsletter

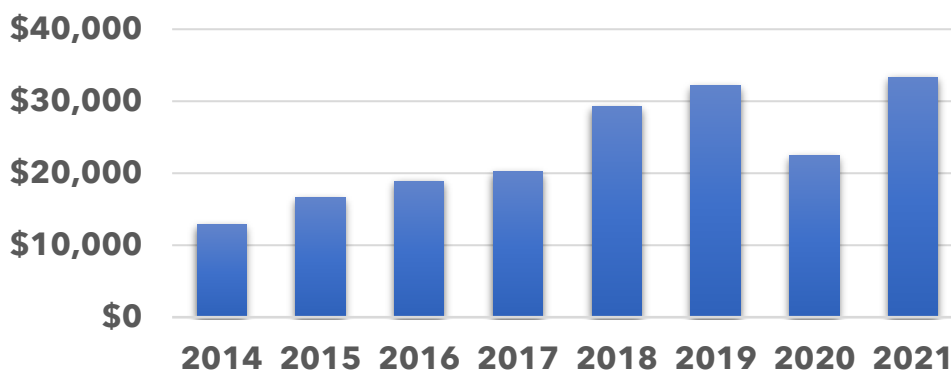
*"The best criticism of the bad is
the practice of the better."*

- Richard Rohr

2021 ... A Record Year for Awarding Grants !

46 grants totaling \$33,369 were awarded in 2021. Last year more dollars were given to men in need since The Guardians were established. Plus, the total grants given since 2014 exceeded \$185,000! *Your generous donations make a difference!*

Total \$ Awarded Per Year



Grants Awarded in 2021

Miscellaneous, 8

Vehicle
Repair,
22

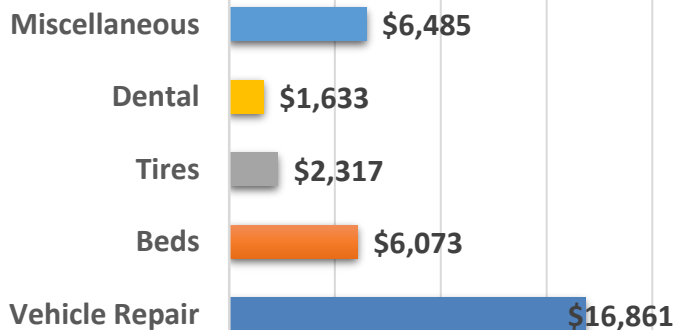
Dental, 2

Tires, 3

Beds, 11

Quantity
by Type

Dollars per Type





Examples of Unique Grants Awarded in 2021

1 A man living near the lake with his seven-year-old son had his water supply shut off. He has been home schooling his son and only able to work odd jobs. His current income is only cash from odd jobs and \$430.00 in SNAP. The Riley County Rural Water District #1 is charging \$3,500.00 for the water hook up. The Guardians' approved a request for \$1,000.00. The award was dependent upon the applicant obtaining the remaining \$2,500.00 in loans and grants. He did so and the Guardian grant was paid to the Water District.

2 A 55-year-old single man living in a trailer needs a refrigerator. **Pawnee Mental Health** helped him file for disability. He does not own a vehicle and keeps his expenses low. Shepherd's Crossing helped him find a refrigerator from Home Depot for \$648.83. A grant of \$648.83 was awarded.

3 **Be Able** helped 20 men restore their personal ID's such as Birth Certificate, Picture ID, and Social Security Card. The Guardians awarded \$595.15 to cover the total expense.

GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Funds cover immediate needs not addressed by other social service agencies in the Manhattan area. Ineligible requests include, but are not limited to food, lodging, utilities, or assistance with legal bills such as a speeding ticket or a DUI.

Eligibility Requirements include:

- Men living or working in the greater Manhattan, KS area.
- Must be 18 years of age and older to apply at any eligible Referring Agency.
- The maximum amount of a grant is \$1,000.
- Recipients are eligible for assistance once per 12-month period.
- Applications are reviewed by the Guardians Grants Committee for approval. If approved, funds are typically available within 48 hours.
- Funds are paid directly to Referring Agencies for requested service or need.
- Grant applicants are anonymous.

The Guardians Privacy Policy

The Guardians and GMCF do not share contact information about members, donors, grant applicants, or grant recipients.

2022 EVENTS

Annual Meeting - April 14

Grow Green Day - April 22

Golf Tournament - October 3

Referring Agencies

Shepherd's Crossing	(785) 776-1470
Be Able	(785) 221-7449
Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc.	(785) 537-3113
North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging	(785) 776-9294
Salvation Army	(785) 539-9399
Boys and Girls Club	(785) 539-1947
CASA	(785) 537-6367
Catholic Charities	(785) 323-0644
Flint Hills Community Clinic	(785) 323-4351
Homecare and Hospice	(785) 537-0688
Pawnee Mental Health	(785) 587-4300
Thrive	(877) 376-0032

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