



The EEF was established by Residents in 2019 after the Montecito Debris Flow to provide assistance to Casa staff experiencing financial hardship due to unexpected emergencies.

EMERGENCY CATEGORIES



HOME/HOUSING



MEDICAL



DENTAL



TRANSPORTATION



FUNERAL EXPENSES



EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES

QUESTIONS?

Contact Resident
Chair Nina Schooler
(917) 543-2740 or

Lisa Thomas, Director
of Philanthropy
(805) 969-8070

ALL EMPLOYEES CAN APPLY

In 2025,
the EEF awarded
46 grants, totaling
nearly **\$160,000**.



HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

Donations can be made by Cash/Check (made payable to Montecito Retirement Association), Donor Advised Funds, Casa Statement, IRA gift, Stock gift, etc. (Note EEF where applicable).

EEF CONTRIBUTIONS
ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

HOW MUCH ARE THE GRANTS?

Grants are paid directly to service providers (doctors, dentists, landlords, mortuaries, etc.), not to employees themselves, and are limited to \$5,000 per employee over a 12 month period. Once an employee reaches \$10,000 in grants, they can reapply after three years.

HOW DOES THE FUND WORK?

Applications are submitted to Human Resources and reviewed by the EEF Review Committee within a week.