

History

Helping Hand was started in 2008 by a group of CDOT employees who recognized an opportunity to help fellow CDOT employees who needed some financial assistance. A motorcycle poker run was started to raise funds, and in the first year \$3000 was granted to CDOT families around the state. After this event, our non-profit organization was established.

Today

Fast forward to today, a small committee of CDOT employees who volunteer their time have established a non-profit group that continues to help CDOT families around the state. As of mid-2023, Helping Hand has provided about **\$170K** in support to CDOT Employees and their families.

Financial Support

\$600 Grants: Awarded to those that are in need of a financial helping hand.

Scholarships: 4 Scholarships awarded per year.

- (1) 4-year Renewable (\$4k)
- (2-3) One-Time (\$1k)
- (1) One-Time – Vocational Focused (\$1k)

Death Grants: \$1000 – Provided to families of CDOT employees killed in the line of work.

Holiday Help: Additional \$600 Grants awarded during the Holiday season.

Call for Help

To continue to serve our fellow CDOT employees, we need your help! If you are interested in joining the committee or volunteering to help with a fundraiser, please email directly.





Fundraising

Helping Hand members consist of both current and retired CDOT employees who volunteer their time. Our fundraisers have changed over the years with past events including motorcycle poker runs, Boulder Ironman Aide Stations and Greeley Stampede parking. Our current fundraisers include various golf tournaments around the state, chili cook-offs, bake sales, Flower Power (fall and spring bulbs), Holiday Wreaths and vending machines along with other various donations.

If you have an idea for a fundraiser, please reach out!

If you would like to donate directly to Helping Hand, your donation is tax deductible. Please email directly for information.

Need Assistance?

If you are a current or retired CDOT employee OR would like to nominate a CDOT employee that is in need of some financial assistance, please go to our website listed below and follow instructions submit a request form.

We provide a \$600 grant to those approved with all applications, and nominations are confidential.

Contact Information

Website: cdothelpinghand.org

Email: helpinghand4cdot@gmail.com

Donations:
donations@cdothelpinghand.org



“We Rise by Lifting Others”

- Robert Ingersoll

Eligibility

Any current or retired CDOT employee that is in financial need after having experienced a life-changing event is eligible. Helping Hand defines a life-changing event as unforeseen emergencies that arise from medical conditions, fire, death, and other difficult circumstances.

No applicant will be denied eligibility on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, sexual preference, or other non-meritorious factor.

If approved for a grant, this is a one-time monetary award of \$600. We do not give awards to pay for debt consolidation, credit card payments, litigation, poor financial planning, non-essential items, wage garnishments, taxes, bail, expenses related to vehicles, phones, cable services, life insurance, or other non-emergency expenses.