## **HMS Compassion for Seniors Program**

Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) Compassion for Seniors Program was initiated on April 1, 2022, as a product of the work completed through the Senior Services Network surveys and research funded through a grant provided by Freeport McMoRan.

This program is set up to provide basic needs support to low-income seniors 60 years of age or older in urgent need of household repairs, rent, mortgage, utilities, and other miscellaneous expenses that will be considered upon the capacity of funds. The purpose of this program is to support our community of older adults who are living on limited incomes whose lives would be improved with some assistance. Eligible seniors living in a single-person household must have less than \$30,120 in annual income, and those living in a two-person household must have less than \$40,880 in annual income and reside in Hidalgo or Grant County.

Due to limited funds, each applicant's funding will be capped at \$1,000 per year per household. Family Support Services Community Health Workers will process the intake applications and submit them for a committee review and approval of qualified individuals. Disbursal of funds to qualified applicants can take two to four weeks.

Applications are accepted through the Family Support Division at the HMS Community Health Centers located at 1007 N Pope St in Silver City and 530 DeMoss St, in Lordsburg. For an appointment, you can reach the Family Support Division at 575-542-8384.

Another amazing opportunity this program has provided is to allow our community businesses, civic organizations, and individuals to help give back to our local senior adults. Many of our elderly live on a set income that doesn't provide enough for their medication, food, and other daily necessities. Each one of us can do something to help, so let's do it together. Donate to Compassion for Seniors today and make a difference in the life of a senior in your community. Click on Senior Services for the Make a Donation option below or call our Senior Care Advocate at 575-597-2967 to request a donation form.

"What we do for ourselves dies with us, but what we do for others remains and is immortal."

— Albert Pine