

WANTED!

OPEIU Local 8 Members to Serve on the Hardship Fund Review Committee

In 2011, Local 8 members voted to create the Hardship Fund to assist our fellow union brothers and sisters in need. Available to Local 8 members, up to \$250 may be approved when an emergency or sudden disaster occurs. The Fund has helped scores of members with rent, utilities and other essential expenses when they need it most.

The Hardship Fund is managed entirely by Local 8 and its members. The applications and payments are processed by an office employee of the Union. The decision to fund an application is decided by Local 8 members of the Hardship Fund Review Committee.

Our Hardship Fund guidelines require that 15 members serve on this Committee. We currently have 5 vacancies – 2 “active” positions and 3 “alternates.” All vacant Review Committee positions are to be elected at the September Assembly each year. Due to the current shortage, our Executive Board has approved recruiting new Committee Members now.

Requirements for the job:

- maintain a personal email account that can receive scanned Hardship Fund applications and documents to review
- ensure daily access to your email account to read applications, communicate with fellow Committee members and ask for additional information when necessary (except during vacations and absences)
- render a decision to approve or reject an application within 3 days of it being submitted
- serve a 2-year term as a Committee Member, through September 2017
- approach each application with an open mind, putting personal judgment aside

We are looking for Union members willing to dedicate their time and thoughtful consideration to help our most vulnerable. This is a voluntary position that offers the huge reward of extending hope and assistance when someone in our Union family needs a helping hand.

If you are interested in serving as a Hardship Fund Review Committee Member, please submit your name and contact information (phone and email) to Suzanne at suzanne@opeiu8.org or 1-206-441-8880 ext. 101. **The deadline for applying is Friday, July 24.** *

* If more Local 8 members want to serve than there are vacancies, one's seniority with the Union will apply.