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National Financial Assistance Resources

The Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC) does not provide direct financial assistance, but has compiled this list of possible financial assistance programs and resources. This list may be just a starting point for you to find out additional information. If you have questions about eligibility, we recommend you contact the appropriate agency directly for detailed information.

GENERAL RESOURCES

The American Cancer Society (ACS)

Nationwide, community-based health organization that provides information and support on all aspects of cancer.

- Toll-free: (800) ACS-2345; www.cancer.org
- **Find financial assistance resources in your area:** Log on to www.cancer.org, click 'Find Support &Treatment' then' click 'Find Support Programs and Services in Your Area'

The Actors Fund

Helps all professionals in entertainment and the performing arts. Provides programs and services for those who are in need or going through a crisis or transition.

- Toll-free: (800) 221-7303; www.actorsfund.org
- ***Health Programs*:** www.actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/social-services-financial-assistance

Allyson Whitney Foundation

Grants for young adult cancer patients for a wide range of needs and financial expenses.

- ***Email Contact Form:*** www.allysonwhitney.org/contact/
- ***Application Guidelines***: www.allysonwhitney.org/grants/

The Assistance Fund

Manages over 40 funds covering a range of serious and chronic diseases.

- List of programs and contact numbers: www.tafcares.org/program-listing/

Network of Jewish Human Services

Provides social and human services to the Jewish community and beyond. Association of more than 140 non-profit human service agencies for healthcare, career, employment and mental health services, as well as programs for youth, families and seniors, immigrants and refugees, persons with disabilities and caregivers.

- (201) 977-2400; http://ajfca.org/

Be The Match - National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP)

Be The Match Foundation Patient Assistance Program, operated by the National Marrow Donor Program, offers financial assistance and connects patients to bone marrow or cord blood transplant donors.

Patient Assistance Program: Be the Match has several grants and funds for transplant support assistance, survivorship, search assistance, and family typing.

- **Applications must be submitted by an NMDP transplant center.** Eligible patients may ask their transplant center coordinator to apply for one or both programs (search assistance and/or transplant support assistance).
- Toll-free: (888) 999–6743; www.bethematch.org/patient
- ***Email Contact Form:*** www.bethematch.org/contact-us/submit-questions-or-feedback/

The Bone Marrow Foundation

Offers financial assistance and free support services to bone marrow/stem cell transplant patients and their families.

Lifeline Fund: provides financial support for costs associated with transplants such as donor searchers, compatibility testing, bone marrow harvesting, and more.

One-to-One Fund: personal fund created for a for a patient's family, friends, and community to raise money on a patient's behalf.

- (212) 838-3029 or Toll-free (800) 365-1336; www.bonemarrow.org
- ***Online Application Forms:*** www.bonemarrow.org/financial-assistance/

Cancer*Care*

National non-profit organization that provides free professional support services to anyone affected by cancer. Several financial assistance programs through Cancer*Care* are available, including:

- **Komen Treatment Assistance Fund:** Limited financial assistance for breast cancer patients for transportation to and from treatment; lymphedema care and supplies; oral pain and anti-nausea medication; oral chemotherapy/hormone therapy; child care/elder care; palliative care and other home care; and durable medical equipment.
- **Touching Hearts Program:** Limited financial assistance for women with cancer for home care, childcare, transportation and pain medication.

Possible eligibility criteria for programs:

1. Women with all diagnoses

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2. Children with all diagnoses
3. Men and women with metastatic melanoma (transportation only)
4. Men, women and children with all diagnoses in New York City, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, Columbia, Greene, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan and Delaware Counties in New York State, New Jersey and Connecticut.

- Toll-free: (800) 813-HOPE (4673); www.cancercare.org

Cancer in the Family Relief Fund

Encourages and facilitates grants to children whose parent or guardian is struggling with a diagnosis of cancer. Support for children's extracurricular activities.

- www.cancerfamilyrelieffund.org
- ***Email Contact Form***: www.cancerfamilyrelieffund.org/Contact.html

Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition (CFAC)

Coalition of organizations helping cancer patients manage financial challenges. Patients can search online resource directory to find assistance based on diagnosis or type of assistance.

- www.cancerfac.org/

Cancer Survivors' Fund

Provides financial assistance for prosthetic limbs to young adult survivors of cancer.

- (281) 437-7142; www.cancersurvivorsfund.org
- ***Prosthetic Limb Assistance Online Application Form:*** www.cancersurvivorsfund.org/Applications/MedicalAssistanceEligibility.htm

Compassion Can't Wait

Help with urgent expenses to allow caregivers to stay at their child's bedside during catastrophic illness. Form must be filled out by social worker.

- (310) 276-7111; www.compassioncantwait.org/
- ***Online Application Form:*** www.compassioncantwait.org/social-worker-form/

Family Reach

Helps families with a child or parent afflicted with cancer deal with the overwhelming financial and emotional burdens related to the disease.

- Boston: (857) 233-2764, New Jersey: (973) 394-1411; www.familyreach.org

Good Days

Provides financial support for patients who cannot afford treatment.

- Toll-free: (877) 968-7233; www.mygooddays.org/
- *Email Contact Form:* www.mygooddays.org/contact-us

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HealthWell Foundation

Provides copayment and premium payment assistance to eligible individuals
May be able to pay some or all of premiums for people who are eligible for health insurance but unable to afford their insurance premium.

- Toll-free: (800) 675-8416; www.healthwellfoundation.org

HelpHOPELive

Provides fundraising assistance to people with unmet medical and related expenses due to cell and organ transplants or catastrophic injuries and illnesses.

- Toll-free: (800) 642-8399 or (610) 727-0612; www.helphopelive.org
- ***Email Contact Form:*** www.helphopelive.org/contact/

Lois Merrill Foundation

Funds research for new treatments, provides financial support for patients and their families, and promotes awareness and education for carcinoid and other rare cancers.
Medical Assistance Grants: provides patients with assistance based on financial need.

- www.thelmf.com/; *Email Contact Form:* www.thelmf.com/contact

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Federally-funded state-run program that assists families with bills related to paying utilities, energy crises, weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs. Contact the local Low-Income Energy office for more information.

- Toll-free: (866) 674-6327; www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/liheap
- ***Find the local LIHEAP office:*** https://liheapch.acf.hhs.gov/db/index.php

Nancy's List

Comprehensive source of information about what is available for those living with cancer. Does not directly distribute funds.

- www.nancyslist.org/
- ***Financial Resources List:*** www.nancyslist.org/financial-assistance/

National Children's Cancer Society

Transportation Assistance Fund: alleviates the financial burden of travel and lodging for families who have a child with cancer.
Emergency Assistance Fund: provides $300 in emergency assistance per year to families who have a child that has been inpatient or away from home for 15 consecutive days within the past three months.

- (314) 241-1600; www.thenccs.org/
- ***Financial Assistance Application Form***: www.nc.thenccs.org/financial-aid

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- ***Spanish Version:*** www.thenccs.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/spanish-application.pdf

PAN Foundation

Dedicated to supporting the needs of patients who cannot access the treatments they need due to out-of-pocket health care costs. A counselor will assist in completing the application and assess eligibility for assistance. Must meet certain financial, insurance, and medical criteria to be eligible.

- Toll-free: (866) 316-PANF (7263); www.panfoundation.org
- ***Online Application Form:*** www.panfoundation.org/index.php/en/patients/how-to-apply

The Patient Advocate Foundation (Co-Pay Relief)

Offers personal services to patients diagnosed with breast cancer, kidney cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, sarcoma, and muscular degeneration.
Offers personal services to all patients through the use of call: counselors will assist you throughout the application process and screen for eligibility.

- Toll-free: (800) 532-5274 or (866) 512-3861; www.patientadvocate.org
- ***Co-Pay Relief Program*:** www.copays.org
- Log on to www.patientadvocate.org, click on 'Resources,' then click 'National Financial Resources Guide.'

Patient Services Incorporated (PSI)

Subsidizes the high health insurance premiums and pharmacy co-payments for individuals with a very limited number of specific chronic illnesses and rare disorders. Offers assistance to families based on the severity of the medical and financial need. Has a breast cancer screening program for women with a family history of breast cancer or who have tested positively for the BRCA gene mutation and financial assistance for an MRI.

- Toll-free: (800) 366-7741; www.patientservicesinc.org/

Modest Needs

Provides assistance for small, emergency expenses which an individual could not have anticipated or prepared for.

- (212) 463-7042; www.modestneeds.org
- ***Application Form:*** www.modestneeds.org/for-applicants/

National Foundation for Transplants (NFT)

Provides fundraising for transplants. Assists with different costs related to transplant procedures including hospital bills and deposits, doctors' appointments, pharmacy needs, caregiver expenses, insurance premiums, temporary mortgage assistance, travel, food and lodging expenses, and co-pays.

- Toll-free: (800) 489-3863; www.transplants.org
- ***Patient Evaluation Form:*** www.patients.transplants.org/

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SAMFund

Provides young adult cancer survivors with tools and resources to overcome financial challenges and move forward with their lives. Offers free webinars on a variety of topics including reducing medical debt, family building options, and employment challenges. Patients must be between the ages of 17 and 35, **finished with active treatment**, and residents of the United States.

- (617) 938-3484; www.thesamfund.org
- ***SAMFund Grant Application*:** www.thesamfund.org/get-help/grants/

United Way

Engages the community to identify underlying causes of local issues, develops strategies and unites financial and human resources to address and measure results.

- (703) 836-7112; www.unitedway.org

21st Century C.A.R.E.

Provides financial assistance for incidental expenses related to cancer treatments.

- Toll-free: (888) 850-1622 or (239) 936-3756; www.21stcenturycare.org
- ***Online Application Forms:*** www.21stcenturycare.org/financial-help-for-cancer-patients/

FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF CANCER

American Breast Cancer Foundation

Provides financial assistance for breast cancer screenings and diagnostic tests for uninsured and underserved individuals, regardless of age or gender.

- Toll-free: (844) 219-2223; www.abcf.org

The Breast Cancer Charities of America

Helps with the expenses of cancer such as transportation treatments, past-due utility bills, and rent eviction notices. Accepts applications on a quarterly basis. **Help Now Fund:** provides counseling and emergency financial services to assist women and their families.

- **(**936) 231- 8460; www.thebreastcancercharities.org
- ***Online Help Now Fund Guidelines and Form***: www.thebreastcancercharities.org/help-now-fund/

Genevieve's Helping Hand

Offers small financial grants to be used by young breast cancer patients (under age 40) to extend their recuperation period after cancer related surgeries and procedures.

- (516) 500-3702; www.genshelpinghands.org/
- ***Application Guidelines and Form:*** www.genshelpinghands.org/genevieve-memorial-recovery-grant.html

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The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Offers help to eligible patients who have difficulty paying for their private or public health insurance premiums or co-pay obligations. Available to patients with chronic myelogenous leukemia, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, Hodgkin lymphoma, Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndromes, Myeloma, and Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia.

Must meet strict financial guidelines in order to be eligible.

- Toll-free: (877) 557-2672 or (800) 955-4572; www.lls.org/copay

Northwest Sarcoma Foundation

Provides education and support to patients and families who are living with sarcoma in the Northwest.

Jenna Help$: available to sarcoma patients under the age of 18 and currently undergoing treatment in WA, AK, OR, ID, MT.

Foundation Help$: adult sarcoma patients can utilize this grant to assist with medical expenses, transportation costs to treatment, and everyday living expenses.

- (458) 201-3126; www.nwsarcoma.org
- ***Program Guidelines***: www.nwsarcoma.org/programs

Patient Advocate Foundation's Colorectal CareLine

Patient/provider hotline designed to provide assistance to patients who have been diagnosed with colorectal cancer and are seeking education and access to care.

- Toll-free: (866) 657-8634; www.colorectalcareline.org

Right Action for Women (RAW)

Provides assistance to women who are at increased risk for breast cancer and do not have insurance or the financial flexibility to cover the high costs associated with breast screenings.

Right Action for Women MRI Assistance Program: dedicated to making sure all young women have access to the best screening available.

- Toll-free: (800) 366-7741; www.rightactionforwomen.org
- ***Financial Assistance Program Guidelines:*** www.rightactionforwomen.org/assistance/

The Pink Fund

Distributes short-term financial aid for basic living expenses on behalf of breast cancer patients who have lost all or a part of their income during active treatment.

- Toll-free: (877) 234-PINK (7465); www.thepinkfund.org
- ***Application Guidelines:*** www.pinkfund.org/get-help/

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Sisters Network

Committed to increasing local and national attention to the impact that breast cancer has in the **African American Community.**
Breast Cancer Assistance Program (BCAP): provides financial assistance for medical related lodging, co-pay, doctor's appointments, mammograms, and prosthetics.

- (718) 781-0255 or Toll-free: (866) 781-1809; www.sistersnetworkinc.org

Triple Step Toward the Cure

Provides financial assistance to women undergoing treatment for triple negative breast cancer. Can provide financial support for meal delivery services, emergency funds for rent, groceries and utilities, transportation related to treatment, housekeeping services, childcare, co-pay assistance, prosthetics and wigs.

- (510) 562-1889; www.triplesteptowardthecure.org
- ***Email Contact Form:*** www.triplesteptowardthecure.org/contact_us.php

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Feeding America

Provides food assistance to low income individuals facing hunger. Network of more than 200 food banks serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

- Toll-free: (800) 771-2303; www.feedingamerica.org
- ***Find a Local Bank***: www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank

Meals on Wheels

Provides home-delivered meals and services to seniors.

- Toll-free: (888) 998-6325**;** www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/

USDA Food and Nutrition Services Programs

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): helps low-income individuals and families buy the food they need for good health.
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, Children (WIC): grant for supplemental food, health care referrals and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding women, and to infants and children up to the age of five.
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): program for low-income seniors offering nutritious food free of charge.
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP*):* supplements diets of eligible, low-income Americans by providing emergency food and nutrition assistance.

- www.fns.usda.gov
- ***Program Forms:*** www.fns.usda.gov/forms

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CREDIT AND MEDICAL DEBT COUNSELING

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Provides money management training, debt counseling, referrals, and legal services.

Financial Planning for Cancer Program: program to help patients prevent or overcome financial challenges. Provides confidential meetings with a Certified Financial Planner for free individual meetings.

Senior Money Project: free project that offers educational videos and in-person presentations designed for senior citizens.

- www.centsprogram.org
- ***Email Contact Form:*** www.centsprogram.org/wordpress/about/contact/
- ***Senior Money Project Contact:*** seniormoneyproject.org/the-project/

Consumer Action

Provides free educational materials about credit and financial planning.

- (202) 544-3088; www.consumer-action.org

Families USA

Free, online consumer's guide to coping with medical debt.

- (202) 628-3030; www.familiesusa.org/product/shortchanged-medical-debt

Financial Planning Association

Connects people with certified financial planners, based on specific needs of the client.

- Toll-free: (800) 322-4237; www.fpanet.org

LIVESTRONG

Provides practical information and tools to help people with cancer live life on their own terms.

LIVESTRONG Fertility Preservation Assistance Program: helps individuals dealing with cancer understand fertility risks and options as well as get access to fertility preservation discounts.

- Toll-free: (855) 220-7777; www.livestrong.org; www.livestrong.org/cancersupport
- ***Fertility Program Application:*** www.livestrong.org/we-can-help/livestrong-fertility

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The National Foundation for Credit Counseling

Nation's largest financial counseling organization. NFCC Network: includes more than 700 community-based offices located in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Receive financial counseling and education from NFCC Member Agencies in person, over the phone, or online.

- Toll-free: (800) 388-2227; www.nfcc.org

UpSolve

Dedicated to help low-income Americans in financial distress get a fresh start through Chapter 7 bankruptcy at no cost.

- www.upsolve.org/
- ***Online Application Screener:*** www.my.upsolve.org/screener

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