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Financial Assistance Resources



American Liver Foundation Support Guide

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Rapidly rising health care costs, unforeseen occurrences in one's personal life, and increasing responsibilities can lead to the need for financial assistance. Financial needs for individuals with liver disease can vary from medication assistance to transportation assistance to transplant assistance.

The American Liver Foundation connects individuals with liver disease to the financial assistance resources they may need. This guide contains information about national organizations that either have financial assistance programs or connect patients to other resources so they can access affordable care.

The American Liver Foundation's mission is to facilitate, advocate, and promote education, support, and research for the prevention, treatment, and cure of liver disease.

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Free or Low Cost Health Care

The organizations listed in this section connect patients to clinics and treatment facilities that will provide them with free or low cost health care.

Health Resources and Services Administration

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is a federal agency focused on improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable.

Program	Find a Health Center is an online locator for federally funded health centers (http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/). Federally-funded health centers provide health services to individuals without health insurance and offer sliding scale fees based on the individual's income.
Eligibility	Contact specific clinics for more information.
Contact Information	Health Resources and Services Administration Phone: 1-877-464-4772 Website: http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/ Email: CallCenter@hrsa.gov

Hill-Burton Program

The Hill-Burton program was created in 1947 and required obligated facilities (health care facilities including hospitals that have used federal money for facility reconstruction or modernization) to provide free or low cost health care services to people living in the facility's area who cannot afford to pay for the services.

Program	There are approximately two hundred healthcare facilities nationwide that are required to provide free or low cost care to eligible individuals from the Hill-Burton program (http://www.hrsa.gov/gethealthcare/affordable/hillburton/index.html). The program only covers facility costs and does not cover private physician bills. List of facilities: http://www.hrsa.gov/gethealthcare/affordable/hillburton/facilities.html
Eligibility	Individuals whose incomes meet the HHS Poverty Guidelines: (http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/10poverty.shtml). Individuals whose incomes are more than the current Poverty Guidelines, but are less than double (or in the case of nursing homes less than triple), Hill-Burton facilities may provide services at full charge, reduced charge, or free.
Contact Information	Hill-Burton Program Phone: 1-800-638-0742 Website: http://www.hrsa.gov/gethealthcare/affordable/hillburton/

NeedyMeds

NeedyMeds is a nonprofit organization that assists individuals who cannot afford medicine or health care costs.

Program	Free or low cost clinic locator is an online locator to find clinics that offer free or low cost health services and offer sliding scale fees based on the individual's income (http://www.needymeds.org/free_clinics.taf).
Eligibility	Contact specific clinics for more information.
Contact Information	NeedyMeds, Inc. P.O. Box 219 Gloucester, MA 01931 Phone Number: 1-800-503-6897 Website: http://www.needymeds.org

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance helps qualifying patients without prescription drug coverage to access the medicines they need.

Program	Free or low cost clinic locator is an online locator to find clinics that offer free or low cost health services and offer sliding scale fees based on the individual's income. (http://www.pparx.org/en/prescription_assistance_programs/free_clinic_finder).
Eligibility	Contact specific clinics for more information.
Contact Information	Partnership for Prescription Assistance Phone: 1-888-477-2669 Website: http://www.pparx.org/en

Health Insurance and Medical Expenses Assistance

The organizations in this section provide co-pay, health insurance premium, and medical expenses assistance to eligible patients.

Brenda Mehling Cancer Fund

The Brenda Mehling Cancer Fund (BMCF) supports patients between the ages of 18 and 40 who are undergoing cancer treatment. It provides assistance for home health care services, copays, temporary housing, and other expenses for those who are temporarily unable to pay bills such as rent, insurance, and food.

Program	The fund provides underinsured patients with insurance and copay assistance to help them access the treatments they need.
Eligibility	The fund is targeted to cancer patients between the ages of 18 and 40 who are currently undergoing treatment. Application: http://www.bmcf.net/apply.htm . Funding cycle varies. Please contact BMCF to learn when they have funds available.
Contact Information	Brenda Mehling Cancer Fund 24152 Lyons Avenue, #157 Santa Clarita, CA 91321 Phone: 1-661-310-7940 Website: http://www.bmcf.net/index.htm

Caring Voice Coalition

The Caring Voice Coalition is a national nonprofit organization that is dedicated to serving the needs of individuals affected by serious, chronic disorders.

Program	Caring Voice Coalition's financial assistance program provides insurance premium assistance, insurance co-payment assistance and Medicare prescription drug assistance.
Eligibility	Patients must have one of the diseases supported by the Caring Voice Coalition. The liver disease supported by Caring Voice Coalition is Alpha 1 Antitrypsin. Visit the following website for more eligibility information: http://www.caringvoice.org/2011/09/apply-for-help/ .
Contact Information	Caring Voice Coalition 8249 Meadowbridge Rd Mechanicsville, VA 23116 Phone: 1-888-267-1440 Website: http://www.caringvoice.org

Chronic Disease Fund

The Chronic Disease Fund is a nonprofit organization that provides financial and medication assistance to individuals who cannot afford the medications they need.

Program	The Chronic Disease Fund's copay and medication assistance program provides financial assistance to eligible individuals. Liver diseases covered by the program include hemochromatosis, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and liver cancer. For a list of diseases and medications supported by the Chronic Disease Fund, visit the following website: http://www.cdfund.org/Patient-Diseases.aspx
Eligibility	Visit the following website for information about eligibility: http://www.cdfund.org/Copay-Assistance.aspx
Contact Information	Chronic Disease Fund 6900 N. Dallas Parkway, Suite 200 Plano, TX 75024 Phone: 1-877- 968-7233 Website: http://www.cdfund.org Email: info@cdfund.org

Department of Veterans Affairs

The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) provides patient care and federal benefits to veterans and their dependents.

Program	VA provides a medical benefits package to all enrolled veterans (https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal). Once enrolled, in the VA's health care system, veterans can be seen at any VA facility across the country. The VA offers copay assistance to eligible veterans. Also, veterans can request a waiver of debt, hardship determination, or an offer in compromise if unable to pay.
Eligibility	Must be a U.S. Veteran. Visit the following website for further eligibility information: http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/Library/tools/Quick_Eligibility_Check/index.asp Application for health benefits: http://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-10EZ-fill.pdf
Contact Information	U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs 810 Vermont Ave NW Washington DC 20420 Phone: 1-800-827-1000 Website: http://www.va.gov/

First Hand Foundation

The First Hand Foundation is a nonprofit organization that helps children with health-related needs when insurance and other financial resources have been exhausted.

Program	First Hand Foundation's financial assistance program provides assistance in the areas of treatment (clinical procedures, medicine, therapy, prosthesis), equipment (wheelchairs, assistive technology, care devices, hearing aids, etc.), and vehicle modifications (lift ramps, transfer boards, etc.).
Eligibility	Patients must be 18 years or younger with a health need. Patients between the ages of 19 and 21 may be considered if they are in a child-like mental state. Visit the following website for more detailed eligibility information: https://applications.cerner.com/FirstHand/FirstHand_1a.aspx?id=28729 Financial Guidelines: https://applications.cerner.com/FirstHand/FirstHand_1a.aspx?id=28741
Contact Information	First Hand Foundation 800 Rockcreek Parkway Kansas City, Missouri 64117 Phone: 1-816-201-1569 or 1-816-201-7569 Website: http://www.firsthandfoundation.org Email: firsthandfoundation@cerner.com

Healthwell Foundation

Healthwell Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose focus is on addressing the needs of individuals with insurance who cannot afford their copays, coinsurance, and premiums for important medical treatments.

Program	The Healthwell Foundation provides financial assistance to eligible individuals to cover coinsurance, copays, healthcare premiums and deductibles for certain treatments. They provide assistance for immunosuppressive treatment for solid organ transplant recipients.
Eligibility	Visit the following website for further eligibility information: http://www.healthwellfoundation.org/eligibility . Funding cycle varies. Contact the Healthwell Foundation to learn when they have funds available.
Contact Information	Healthwell Foundation P.O. Box 4133 Gaithersburg, MD 20878 Phone: 1-800-675-8416 Website: http://www.healthwellfoundation.org Email: info@healthwellfoundation.org

NeedyMeds

NeedyMeds is a non-profit organization that assists individuals who cannot afford medicine or health care cost.

Program	Medical Bill Mediation negotiates on your behalf to reduce your self-pay portion of your medical bills: http://www.needymeds.org/inclusions/medical_mediation.htm . They explore all options available to you and will work to obtain discounted settlements and payment plans that you can afford. NeedyMeds also offers a discount program on MRI and CAT scans for people who have a prescription from their physicians and are uninsured, underinsured or have a high deductible: http://www.needymeds.org/inclusions/imaging_discount_service_landing_page.htm .
Eligibility	Call 1-800-503-6897 to find out eligibility.
Contact Information	NeedyMeds, Inc. P.O Box 219 Gloucester, MA 01931 Phone Number: 1-800-503-6897 Website: www.needymeds.org

Patient Access Network Foundation

The Patient Access Network Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing underinsured patients with copay assistance through disease-specific funds that give them access to the treatments they need.

Program	The Patient Access Network Foundation's copay assistance program provides underinsured patients with specific diseases with copay assistance. Liver disease treatments covered by the program are hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and solid organ transplant.
Eligibility	Patient must be a U.S. resident; medication must treat the disease directly. Visit the following website for further information about eligibility: https://www.panfoundation.org/fundingapplication/whoqualify.php .
Contact Information	Patient Access Network Foundation PO Box 221858 Charlotte, NC 28222 Phone: 1-866-316-7263 Website: https://www.panfoundation.org/index.php Email: contact@patientaccessnetwork.org

Patient Advocate Foundation

Patient Advocate Foundation’s mission is to provide effective mediation and arbitration services to patients to remove obstacles to healthcare including medical debt crisis, insurance access issues and employment issues for patients with chronic, debilitating and life-threatening illnesses.

Program	The Patient Advocate Foundation’s Copay Relief Program provides direct financial assistance to qualified patients by helping them with prescription drug copays. Hepatitis C is the only liver disease covered in the Copay Relief Program.
Eligibility	Visit the following website for more eligibility information: http://www.copays.org/ . Application: http://www.copays.org/patients . Funding cycle opens at the beginning of each month. Contact the Patient Advocate Foundation to learn when they have funds available.
Contact Information	Patient Advocate Foundation 421 Butler Farm Road Hampton, Virginia 23666 Phone: 1-866-512-3861 Website: http://www.copays.org

Patient Services, Inc. (PSI)

Patient Services, Inc. (PSI) is a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to patients with chronic illnesses who are having difficulty affording premiums and copays.

Program	PSI offers financial assistance programs to help with the costs of insurance premiums and copays. PSI helps cover costs of insurance premiums and copays associated with Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency. Visit the following website for more information on PSI’s programs: https://www.patientservicesinc.org/apply-for-assistance/default.aspx .
Eligibility	The amount of funding an individual receives is based on several factors such as income, federal poverty level, and other circumstances.
Contact Information	Patient Services, Inc. P.O. Box 5930 Midlothian, VA 23112 Phone: 1-800-366-7741 Website: https://www.patientservicesinc.org/ Email: uneedpsi@uneedpsi.org

Prescription Assistance

The organizations in this section provide programs that directly reduce the cost of prescription drugs or assist patients in finding programs they are eligible for.

American Liver Foundation (ALF)

The American Liver Foundation provides free Drug Discount Card for uninsured and underinsured patients and their families.

Program	The American Liver Foundation provides free Drug Discount Card for uninsured and underinsured patients and their families.
Eligibility	For the American Liver Foundation Drug Discount Card, there are no income, insurance or residency requirements, and no fees or registration process to use the card: http://www.liverfoundation.org/support/needymeds/ .
Contact Information	American Liver Foundation 39 Broadway Suite 2700 New York, NY 10006 National Helpline: 1-800-465-4837 Website: http://www.liverfoundation.org/

National Organization for Rare Diseases (NORD)

The National Organization for Rare Diseases (NORD) is a nonprofit organization that provides educational, advocacy, research, and patient-services programs for rare disease patients and their families in the U.S.

Program	NORD's Medication Assistance Program offers assistance to help cover the cost of medications. Medications for Wilson Disease and Hereditary Tyrosinemia Type I are covered by NORD's program.
Eligibility	Individual must be diagnosed with one of the rare diseases that the Medication Assistance Program provides support for: http://www.rarediseases.org/programs/medication .
Contact Information	National Organization for Rare Disorders 55 Kenosia Avenue, PO Box 1968 Danbury, CT 06813-1968 Phone: 1-800-999-6673 Website: http://rarediseases.org Email: RN@rarediseases.org

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance helps qualifying patients without prescription drug coverage to access the medicines they need.

Program	The Partnership for Prescription Assistance has an online prescription assistance program finder: https://www.pparx.org/en/gethelp .
Eligibility	Eligibility depends on the patient assistance program. Application: https://www.pparx.org/en/gethelp .
Contact Information	Partnership for Prescription Assistance Phone: 1-888-477-2669 Website: http://www.pparx.org/en

National Conference of State Legislatures

Many states offer subsidies to provide pharmaceutical coverage or a discount program for prescriptions to eligible individuals.

Program	The State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs provides information on what programs are provided in each state, visit: http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/state-pharmaceutical-assistance-programs.aspx .
Eligibility	Eligibility requirements vary from state to state. For more details, visit: http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/state-pharmaceutical-assistance-programs.aspx .
Contact Information	Contact information varies by state. For more details, visit: http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/state-pharmaceutical-assistance-programs.aspx .

Transplant Assistance

Organizations listed in this section provide financial assistance for patients undergoing or planning to undergo an organ transplant, or offer assistance to help patients fundraise for transplant expenses.

American Organ Transplant Association

The American Organ Transplant Association (AOTA) provides fundraising information for patients needing transplants and aftercare; assists with transportation to and from the transplant center for evaluation, surgery and aftercare; provides transplantation resources; provides access to pharmacy saving programs for patients who need medicines for their transplants; and promotes organ, marrow and tissue donation.

Program	AOTA's Medication Assistance Program offers support to individuals in need who do not have insurance, have limited pharmacy benefits, have a cap on their plan, or whose medications are excluded. For more information visit: http://www.aotarx.com/register . AOTA's transportation assistance program assists with patients' transportation to the transplant center. For more information visit: http://www.aotaonline.org/transportation.html .
Eligibility	Transplant patients are eligible for AOTA's programs. Contact AOTA for more information on eligibility requirements.
Contact Information	American Organ Transplant Association 21175 Tomball Parkway #194 Houston, TX 77070 Phone: 1-713-344-2402 Website: http://www.aotaonline.org

Children's Organ Transplant Association

The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) helps children and young adults who need a life-saving transplant by providing fundraising assistance and family support.

Program	COTA guides families through the fundraising process which includes organizing and training volunteers, planning successful events and activities, working with local media, using online resources for communications and fundraising, and finding multiple sources of funding.
Eligibility	Eligibility requirements include transplant patients up to 21 years of age who need a transplant due to disease complication or genetic disease. For more details on the process, visit the following website: http://www.cota.org/transplantFamilies/transplant_families.php .
Contact Information	Children's Organ Transplant Association 2501 West COTA Drive Bloomington IN 47403 Phone: 1-800-366-2682 Website: http://www.cota.org Email: cota@cota.org

National Foundation for Transplants

The National Foundation for Transplants is a nonprofit organization that provides fundraising assistance to transplant patients.

Program	The National Foundation for Transplants offers fundraising assistance and administers funds to help cover transplant costs; hospital bills and deposits; doctors' appointments; pharmacy needs; caregiver expenses; insurance premiums, temporary mortgage assistance; travel, food and lodging expenses; copays; and more.
Eligibility	Visit the following website for information about eligibility: http://www.transplants.org/faq#n312 . Application: http://www.transplants.org/questionnaire-agreement-form .
Contact Information	National Foundation for Transplants 5350 Poplar Ave Suite 430 Memphis, TN 38119 Phone: 1-800-489-3863 Website: http://www.transplants.org Email: info@transplants.org

National Living Donor Assistance Center

The National Living Donor Assistance Center’s (NLDAC) mission is to provide greater access to transplantation for persons who want to donate, but cannot otherwise afford the travel and subsistence expenses associated with donation.

Program	NLDAC’s Living Donor Assistance Program provides financial assistance to those who want to donate an organ. Priority is given to individuals who are not otherwise able to afford the travel and subsistence expenses associated with living organ donation.
Eligibility	For more information on eligibility, visit the following website: http://www.livingdonorassistance.org/documents/Eligibility%20Screening%20Tool 6.10.pdf . Application: http://www.livingdonorassistance.org/potentialdonors/applicationprocess.aspx .
Contact Information	National Living Donor Assistance Center 2461 S. Clark Street, Suite 640 Arlington, VA 22202 Phone: 1-703-414-1600 Website: http://www.livingdonorassistance.org/default.aspx Email: NLDAC@livingdonorassistance.org

Help Hope Live

Help Hope Live, formerly known as the National Transplant Assistance Fund (NTAF), helps families address financial hardships arising from uninsured medical expenses related to transplantation and catastrophic injury.

Program	Help Hope Live provides fundraising assistance and administers funds to help cover uninsured transplant and catastrophic injury costs. Also, HelpHopeLive provides grants and other financial assistance to eligible patients.
Eligibility	Transplant patients and individuals who experienced catastrophic injury are eligible.
Contact Information	Help Hope Live Two Radnor Corporate Center 100 Matsonford Road Suite 100 Radnor, PA 19087 Phone: 1-800-642-8399 Website: https://www.helphopelive.org/

NeedyMeds

NeedyMeds is a non-profit organization whose mission is to assist people who cannot afford their medicine or health care cost.

Program	NeedyMeds provides fundraising assistance and administer funds to help cover pay for legitimate medical expenses. Individuals can raise funds for a specified beneficiary's medical bills.
Eligibility	There are no restrictions on insurance and income status. Campaigners must be over 18 years old. For more information on eligibility, visit the following website: http://www.healfundr.org/guidelines.php .
Contact Information	HEALfundr c/o NeedyMeds, Inc. P.O Box 219 Gloucester, MA 01931 NeedyMeds Helpline: 1-800-503-6987 Phone: 1-978-286-6666 Email: info@healfundr.org Website: http://www.healfundr.org/index.php

Meal Assistance

The organizations listed in this section provide food and meals to patients who are unable to access meals due to physical and financial hardship.

Meals on Wheels Association of America

The Meals on Wheels Association of America provides meals to seniors nationwide through programs at senior centers as well as delivered meals to the homes of seniors whose mobility is limited.

Program	For Meals on Wheel's online locator of local meal assistance programs, visit the following website: http://www.mowaa.org/page.aspx?pid=253 .
Eligibility	Senior citizens located in areas served
Contact Information	Meals on Wheels Association of America 203 S. Union Street Alexandria, VA 22314 Phone: 1-703-548-5558 Website: http://www.mowaa.org Email: Mowaa@mowaa.org

Transportation Assistance

The organizations listed in this section provide transportation assistance or connect individuals to other transportation resources.

Air Care Alliance

The Air Care Alliance promotes, supports, and represents public benefit flying through communication and cooperation among organizations facilitating flight for health, compassion and community service.

Program	Air Care Alliance provides transportation for needy patients to facilities where they are able to receive medical attention.
Eligibility	For more information on eligibility, please visit the following website: http://www.aircarealliance.org/submit-request-for-assistance .
Contact Information	Air Care Alliance Attention: Rol Murrow, Chairman 2060 State Highway 595 Lindrith, New Mexico 87029 Phone: 1-888-260-9707 Website: http://www.aircarealliance.org/

Air Charity Network

Air Charity Network is a national charitable aviation network of seven organizations that provide air transportation assistance and resources that can provide healing and hope.

Program	Air Charity Network matches people in need of air transportation with flights and other travel resources.
Eligibility	Patient must be in suitable condition for air travel. To request a flight, visit the following website for more information: http://aircharitynetwork.org/home/request-a-flight/ .
Contact Information	Air Charity Network 4620 Haygood Road, Suite 1 Virginia Beach, VA 23455 Phone: 1-877-621-7177 Website: http://www.aircharitynetwork.org

American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting individuals with cancer through education, support, advocacy, and research programs.

Program	The American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program provides ground transportation to and from treatment for people who have cancer who do not have a means of transport or are unable to drive themselves.
Eligibility	Individuals must be cancer patients to be eligible for the program.
Contact Information	American Cancer Society Phone: 1-800-227-2345 Website: http://www.cancer.org/ .

First Hand Foundation

First Hand Foundation is a nonprofit organization that helps children with health-related needs when insurance and other financial resources have been exhausted.

Program	The First Hand Foundation provides displacement lodging, food, gas, parking and transportation for families of seriously ill children who must travel during treatment.
Eligibility	Eligibility requirements include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child must be 18 years of age or younger (a person 19–21 may be considered if they are in a child-like mental state) • The child must be under the care of a pediatrician • The request must be clinically relevant to the health of the child • There must be no existing insurance coverage for the requested expenses One request per year, per child (maximum of 3 times in a lifetime) Financial guidelines: https://applications.cerner.com/FirstHand/FirstHand_1a.aspx?id=28741 Application: https://applications.cerner.com/FirstHand/FirstHand_1a.aspx?id=28742
Contact Information	First Hand Foundation 800 Rockcreek Parkway Kansas City, MO 64117 Phone: 1-816-201-1569 or 1-816-201-7569 Website: http://www.firsthandfoundation.org Email: firsthandfoundation@cerner.com

Miracle Flight for Kids

Miracle Flights for Kids is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping low- income children with serious cancers and debilitating diseases to overcome financial obstacles that prevent them from accessing proper medical care and second opinions.

Program	Miracle Flights for Kids helps fly children who are struggling with serious cancers and debilitating diseases to specialized medical treatment centers across the U.S.
Eligibility	Any child needing medical treatment or seeking a second opinion not available in their own home town is eligible to apply for a miracle mission. Paperwork for requesting flight: http://www.miracleflights.org/how-we-help/request-a-flight/ .
Contact Information	Miracle Flights for Kids 2764 N. Green Valley Pkwy, #115 Green Valley, NV 89014-2120 Phone: 1-800-359-1711 Website: http://www.miracleflights.org

Transplant Recipient International Organization

Transplant Recipient International Organization (TRIO) is an independent, nonprofit, international organization committed to improving the quality of life of transplant candidates, recipients, their families and the families of organ and tissue donors.

Program	The TRIO/United Airlines Travel Program is a cooperative arrangement between TRIO and the United Airlines Charity Miles Program. It provides for TRIO members and family members air transportation when travel is transplant-related.
Eligibility	Eligibility for use of the Travel Program is based upon financial need and need for medical assistance.
Contact Information	Transplant Recipients International Organization, Inc. 2100 M Street, NW, #170-353 Washington, DC 20037-1233 Phone: 1-800-874-6386 or 1-202-293-0980 Website: http://www.trioweb.org/resources/trio-united-airlines-travel-program.html

Housing-related Assistance

The organizations listed in this section provide lodging for both patients and their families while undergoing treatment.

Brenda Mehling Cancer Fund

The Brenda Mehling Cancer Fund (BMCF) supports patients between the ages of 18 and 40 who are undergoing cancer treatment. It provides assistance for home health care services, copays, temporary housing, and other expenses for those who are temporarily unable to pay bills such as rent, insurance, and food.

Program	The Brenda Mehling Cancer Fund provides financial assistance for temporary housing.
Eligibility	The fund is targeted to cancer patients between the ages of 18 and 40 who are currently undergoing treatment. Application: http://www.bmcf.net/apply.htm . Funding cycle varies. Contact BMCF to learn when they have funds available.
Contact Information	Brenda Mehling Cancer Fund 24152 Lyons Avenue, #157 Santa Clarita, CA 91321 Phone: 1- 818-737-1866 Website: http://www.bmcf.net/index.htm

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally-funded program that helps low-income households with their home energy bills. The organization particularly assists those with the lowest incomes who pay a higher proportion of household income for home energy costs.

Program	LIHEAP provides bill payment assistance, energy crisis assistance, and weatherization and energy-related home repairs.
Eligibility	<p>Visit the following website for more details: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/resource/liheap-eligibility-criteria.</p> <p>LIHEAP State Contact: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap-state-and-territory-contact-listing.</p> <p>LIHEAP Tribal Contact: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap-tribal-contact-listing.</p> <p>LIHEAP Insular Area Contact: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program/insular-area-liheap.</p>
Contact Information	<p>Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Phone: 1-866-674-6327 Website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/liheap Email: energy@ncat.org</p>

Healthcare Hospitality Network

The Healthcare Hospitality Network (HHN) is an association of more than 150 nonprofit organizations located throughout the U.S. that provide family-centered lodging and support services to families and their loved ones who are receiving medical treatment far from their home communities.

Program	HHN has on an online lodging locator program http://lodging.hhnetwork.org/ .
Eligibility	Eligibility depends on the specific organization.
Contact Information	<p>Healthcare Hospitality Network PO Box 1439 Gresham, OR 97030-4271 Phone: 1-800-542-9730 Website: http://www.hhnetwork.org/ Find lodging website: http://lodging.hhnetwork.org/</p>

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) helps families to stay near and support the hospitalized child, helps them to afford to stay together in another city while a child undergoes treatment, and helps them to get basic medical and dental care.

Program	Ronald McDonald Houses provide a “home-away-from-home” for families so they can stay close by while their hospitalized child undergoes treatment. For a Ronald McDonald House locator, visit the following website: http://rmhc.org/who-we-are/chapter-search/ .
Eligibility	Children, from birth to 18 (or 21, depending on the House), who are being treated at nearby hospitals and medical facilities, and their families are eligible. Maximum length of stay at a Ronald McDonald House is based on room demand and is determined on a local basis.
Contact Information	Ronald McDonald House Charities One Kroc Drive Oak Brook, IL 60523 Phone: 1-630-623-7048 Website: http://rmhc.org Email: info@rmhc.org

Other Financial Assistance

The organizations listed in this section either provide funds or connect individuals to resources that assist with daily living expenses.

Life Insurance Settlement Association

Life Insurance Settlement Association (LISA) is an association of life settlement companies.

Program	Selling a life insurance policy to a third party for more than its cash value and less than its face value is called a life settlement. Life settlements may be an option for eligible individuals who need cash to pay for medical or living expenses. For more information, visit the following website: http://www.thevoiceoftheindustry.com/files/content/docs/Brochures/ConsumerEducationweb.pdf
Eligibility	Life settlement candidates are typically 65 or older and own a life insurance policy with a face amount over \$100,000.
Contact Information	Life Insurance Settlement Association 1011 East Colonial Drive, Suite 500 Orlando, FL 32803 Phone: 1-407-894-3797 Website: www.lisassociation.org

Modest Needs Foundation

The Modest Needs Foundation's (MNF) is dedicated to stopping the cycle of poverty by helping hard-working, low-income households to afford short-term emergency expenses.

Program	MNF's self-Sufficiency grant exists to prevent normally self-sufficient but low income households from entering the cycle of poverty by helping them to afford short-term emergency expenses that would otherwise pose a tremendous hardship for that individual or family.
Eligibility	Visit the following website for further details: http://www.modestneeds.org/explore/faq/requesting/#who .
Contact Information	Modest Needs Foundation 115 E 30th St, FL 1 New York, NY 10016 Phone: 1-212-463-7042 Website: www.modestneeds.org Email: general.questions@modestneeds.org

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging's mission is to build the capacity of its members to help older persons and persons with disabilities live with dignity and choices in their homes and communities for as long as possible.

Program	The Eldercare Locator is a nationwide service that connects older Americans and their caregivers with information on senior services. The Eldercare Locator connects individuals to resources such as financial assistance, health insurance, transportation, housing options, and long-term care: http://www.eldercare.gov/ELDERCARE.NET/Public/About/Index.aspx .
Eligibility	Must be elderly (age requirements vary by agency/service) or a caregiver to be eligible.
Contact Information	National Association of Area Agencies on Aging 1730 Rhode Island Ave NW, Suite 1200 Washington, DC 20036 Phone: 1-800-677-1116 Website: www.n4a.org/programs/eldercare-locator/?fa=home-community-based-services Email: eldercarelocator@n4a.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. This aid may be in the form of intervention, consultation, direct financial assistance or in-kind services.

Program	Programs offered by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul include food programs, emergency financial assistance, emergency transportation, rent/mortgage assistance, or low-cost housing.
Eligibility	There are no requirements to receive assistance from Society of St. Vincent de Paul. They assist individuals in need.
Contact Information	National Council of the United States Society of Saint Vincent de Paul 58 Progress Parkway St. Louis, MO 63043 Phone: 1-314-576-3993 Website: http://www.svdpusa.org/Default.aspx Email: usacouncil@svdpusa.org

Supplemental Security Income

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal income supplement program that is funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes); it is designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people, who have little or no income; and it provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter.

Program	General information: http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/index.html How to apply for benefits: http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-apply-ussi.htm
Eligibility	Who is eligible: http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm Benefit eligibility screening tool: http://www.benefits.gov/ssa
Contact Information	Social Security Administration Office of Public Inquiries; Windsor Park Building 6401 Security Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21235 Find a local office: https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/FOLO/fo001.jsp Phone: 1-800-772-1213; Deaf or hard of hearing: 1-800-325-0778 Website: http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/