

50 U.S. Cancer Assistance Programs

Large-Print Resource Guide

These programs may help with treatment costs, co-pays, medicine, transportation, lodging, food, household bills, or support services. Funding and eligibility can change at any time. Contact each organization or ask an oncology social worker to confirm what is currently available before applying.

1. American Cancer Society

Provides free cancer information and navigation, and may connect patients with transportation, lodging, local financial resources, and other practical support. Its Road To Recovery and Hope Lodge services are available in participating communities and locations.

<https://www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services.html>

2. American Cancer Society - Road To Recovery

Offers free rides to cancer-related medical appointments in communities where trained volunteer drivers are available. Patients or caregivers should contact the program in advance because availability varies by location.

<https://www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services/road-to-recovery.html>

3. American Cancer Society - Hope Lodge

Provides free temporary lodging for eligible cancer patients and one caregiver when treatment requires travel away from home. A referral from the treatment facility is generally required, and space depends on the location.

<https://www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services/patient-lodging/hope-lodge.html>

4. CancerCare

Offers limited financial assistance for cancer-related expenses, along with free counseling, support groups, education, and help locating additional resources. Available grants and covered expenses can change based on diagnosis, location, and funding.

https://www.cancercare.org/financial_assistance

5. CancerCare Co-Payment Assistance Foundation

Helps eligible insured patients with co-payments, coinsurance, and deductibles for certain prescribed cancer treatments. Each covered diagnosis has its own fund status, income limits, and eligibility requirements.

<https://www.cancercare.org/copayfoundation>

6. Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition

Provides a searchable national directory of organizations that help people with cancer manage financial and practical needs. Users can search by diagnosis, ZIP code, and type of assistance, including housing, utilities, transportation, and food.

<https://www.cancerfac.org/>

7. Patient Advocate Foundation

Provides free case management for patients facing insurance, employment, debt, access-to-care, or medical billing problems. It also operates financial aid and co-pay programs for certain diagnoses when funding is open.

<https://www.patientadvocate.org/connect-with-services/>

8. Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief

Provides direct financial assistance to qualified insured patients who need help with medication co-payments, coinsurance, or deductibles for covered diseases. Funds may open and close during the year depending on available donations.

<https://copays.org/>

9. PAN Foundation

Helps underinsured patients with out-of-pocket costs for medications and treatment related to covered diseases. Depending on the fund, assistance may include co-pays, premiums, or transportation, and applicants must meet insurance and income rules.

<https://www.panfoundation.org/>

10. HealthWell Foundation

Offers financial assistance for insurance premiums, deductibles, co-payments, and other out-of-pocket costs for selected diseases. Cancer-related funds are diagnosis-specific and may be temporarily closed when funding is exhausted.

<https://www.healthwellfoundation.org/>

11. Good Days

Provides financial assistance to eligible patients with chronic or life-altering diseases, including some cancers. Support may cover medication co-pays, insurance premiums, travel, or diagnostic testing, depending on the open fund.

<https://www.mygooddays.org/>

12. The Assistance Fund

Helps eligible patients pay out-of-pocket expenses connected to treatment for covered diseases. Programs may assist with co-pays, insurance premiums, deductibles, and certain incidental medical expenses when a fund is open.

<https://tafcares.org/>

13. Accessia Health

Provides assistance for eligible people living with rare or chronic medical conditions, including selected cancers. Depending on the program, help may include medication costs, insurance premiums, travel, or other treatment-related expenses.

<https://accessiahealth.org/>

14. NeedyMeds

Maintains a free national database of patient assistance programs, discount programs, disease-based resources, and low-cost clinics. It does not pay bills directly, but it helps patients locate programs for medications and other healthcare expenses.

<https://www.needymeds.org/>

15. RxAssist

Provides information about pharmaceutical company patient assistance programs that may offer free or reduced-cost medications. Patients can search by drug name and review program rules, forms, and contact information.

<https://www.rxassist.org/>

16. Medicine Assistance Tool

A free search tool from the pharmaceutical industry that connects patients with medication assistance programs and other affordability resources. Eligibility is determined by each participating program, not by the search tool itself.

<https://medicineassistancetool.org/>

17. Family Reach

Helps families facing cancer-related financial hardship through financial education, resource navigation, and assistance programs. Support may address everyday expenses such as housing, utilities, food, and transportation when funding and eligibility allow.

<https://familyreach.org/>

18. The Pink Fund

Provides short-term financial assistance to eligible breast cancer patients who have lost income while receiving active treatment. Payments are generally made directly to creditors for basic living expenses such as housing, utilities, transportation, or insurance.

<https://pinkfund.org/get-help/>

19. Susan G. Komen Financial Assistance Program

Offers financial assistance to eligible people in active breast cancer treatment who meet diagnosis, residency, and income requirements. Approved funds may help with everyday expenses such as rent, utilities, food, transportation, childcare, and treatment-related costs.

<https://www.komen.org/financial-assistance-program/>

20. Breast Cancer Assistance Fund

Supports breast cancer patients with basic living expenses during treatment through grants administered under its current program rules. Applicants should review the official site for eligibility, required documentation, and funding availability.

<https://breastcanceraf.org/>

21. Living Beyond Breast Cancer

Provides breast cancer information, peer support, helplines, and navigation to practical resources. Its financial assistance offerings may be limited or periodic, so patients should check current programs and application windows.

<https://www.lbbc.org/>

22. METAvivor

Focuses on metastatic breast cancer research and patient advocacy, while also directing patients to support and financial resources. It is especially useful for people seeking metastatic breast cancer-specific information and community connections.

<https://www.metavivor.org/>

23. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Provides blood cancer information, support, clinical trial navigation, and financial assistance programs. Depending on funding, help may include co-pay support, travel assistance, urgent-need grants, and other disease-specific aid.

<https://www.lls.org/support-resources/financial-support>

24. Leukemia Research Foundation Patient Grant Program

Offers financial support to eligible blood cancer patients for certain treatment-related or household expenses. Program availability, covered diagnoses, geographic rules, and award limits should be confirmed on the official site.

<https://leukemiarf.org/patients/patient-grant-program/>

25. Lymphoma Research Foundation

Provides lymphoma education, helpline support, clinical trial information, and referrals to financial resources. It may also offer patient aid or travel-related support through specific programs when funding is available.

<https://lymphoma.org/resources/supportservices/>

26. National Children's Cancer Society

Assists families of children with cancer through transportation support, lodging-related help, emergency assistance, and survivorship services. Eligibility typically depends on the child's diagnosis, age, treatment status, and household circumstances.

<https://thenccs.org/financial-assistance/>

27. Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation - Travel For Care

Helps eligible families travel to childhood cancer treatment by assisting with transportation and lodging expenses. Applications are usually submitted with help from a healthcare professional or social worker.

<https://www.alexslimonade.org/childhood-cancer/for-families/travel-for-care>

28. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Treats eligible children with certain cancers and serious diseases without billing families for treatment, travel, housing, or food. Acceptance is based on diagnosis, eligibility criteria, and referral to a St. Jude clinical program.

<https://www.stjude.org/patient-referrals.html>

29. Ronald McDonald House Charities

Provides low-cost or no-cost lodging and family support near participating children's hospitals. Eligibility, fees, length of stay, and referral requirements are determined by each local Ronald McDonald House.

<https://rmhc.org/find-a-chapter>

30. Joe's House

Maintains a nationwide online directory of discounted lodging near hospitals and cancer treatment centers. It is a referral resource rather than a direct grant program, and patients arrange reservations with the listed lodging provider.

<https://www.joeshouse.org/>

31. Mercy Medical Angels

Coordinates free or reduced-cost transportation for eligible patients traveling to medical care. Available services may include commercial airline tickets, volunteer pilot flights, ground transportation, or fuel assistance.

<https://www.mercymedical.org/>

32. Air Care Alliance

Connects patients with nonprofit volunteer pilot organizations that may provide free flights for medical treatment. Each participating group has its own medical, distance, scheduling, and passenger eligibility rules.

<https://www.aircarealliance.org/>

33. Air Charity Network

Coordinates free air transportation through regional volunteer pilot organizations for patients who need access to distant medical care. Flights depend on medical stability, weather, pilot availability, and program eligibility.

<https://www.aircharitynetwork.org/>

34. Corporate Angel Network

Arranges free seats for eligible cancer patients traveling to treatment on participating corporate aircraft. Patients must be medically able to travel without in-flight medical care, and flights depend on available corporate routes.

<https://corpangelnetwork.org/>

35. Angel Flight East

Provides free air transportation for eligible patients who need to travel for medical treatment in its service region. Flights are performed by volunteer pilots and are subject to weather, aircraft, scheduling, and medical requirements.

<https://angelflighteast.org/>

36. Angel Flight West

Coordinates free non-emergency air travel for people who must travel to medical care in the western United States. Eligibility and trip approval depend on distance, medical stability, available pilots, and program guidelines.

<https://angelflightwest.org/>

37. Cancer Hope Network

Provides free one-on-one peer support by matching patients and caregivers with trained volunteers who have faced a similar cancer experience. It does not usually pay bills directly, but volunteers and staff may help identify useful resources.

<https://www.cancerhopenetwork.org/>

38. Cancer Support Community

Offers free emotional support, education, navigation, and practical guidance for people affected by cancer. Its Cancer Support Helpline can help callers locate local programs, transportation, lodging, and financial resources.

<https://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/cancer-support-helpline>

39. Triage Cancer

Provides free education about legal and financial issues that arise after a cancer diagnosis, including insurance, employment, disability benefits, medical bills, and estate planning. It offers guides, webinars, and a legal and financial navigation program.

<https://triagecancer.org/>

40. Dollar For

Helps patients determine whether they qualify for hospital charity care and assists with applications to reduce or eliminate eligible hospital bills. The service focuses on nonprofit hospital financial assistance policies and does not guarantee approval.

<https://dollarfor.org/>

41. National Foundation for Credit Counseling

Connects consumers with nonprofit credit counselors who can help review budgets, medical debt, and repayment options. Counseling is not cancer-specific, but it may help patients manage financial strain caused by treatment and reduced income.

<https://www.nfcc.org/>

42. 211

Connects callers and website users with local assistance for rent, utilities, food, transportation, healthcare, and other basic needs. Services vary by community, and 211 specialists can help identify programs available in the patient's ZIP code.

<https://www.211.org/>

43. Feeding America

Operates a nationwide network of food banks and local pantries that can help households experiencing food insecurity during cancer treatment. The online locator directs users to nearby food distribution and benefits assistance.

<https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank>

44. Meals on Wheels America

Connects older adults and people with mobility limitations to local meal delivery programs. Availability, age requirements, fees, and waiting lists vary by the local provider.

<https://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/find-meals>

45. Modest Needs

Provides small emergency grants to eligible workers and households facing short-term financial hardship. Assistance is not cancer-specific and is generally paid directly to a vendor or creditor for an approved expense.

<https://www.modestneeds.org/for-applicants/>

46. The Samfund

Provides financial support and education for young adult cancer survivors dealing with the long-term financial effects of treatment. Grant categories and application periods can change, so applicants should review current eligibility requirements.

<https://expectmiraclesfoundation.org/samfund/>

47. Ulman Foundation

Supports adolescents and young adults affected by cancer through navigation, community programs, and free housing near selected treatment centers. Services are designed for young adults and may also support caregivers and families.

<https://ulmanfoundation.org/>

48. Colorectal Cancer Alliance

Offers patient and family support, screening navigation, treatment information, and referrals to financial resources for colorectal cancer. Its helpline and patient navigators can help identify assistance based on individual needs.

<https://colorectalcancer.org/resources-support>

49. ZERO Prostate Cancer

Provides prostate cancer education, support groups, case management, and financial assistance through selected programs. Support may include help with treatment-related costs, transportation, or debt relief depending on current eligibility and funding.

<https://zerocancer.org/help-and-support/financial-resources>

50. LUNgevity Foundation

Provides lung cancer education, peer support, clinical trial navigation, and help locating practical and financial resources. Patients can contact its support team for guidance tailored to their diagnosis and treatment situation.

<https://www.lungevity.org/for-patients-caregivers/support-services>

Important: This guide is for general resource information and does not guarantee financial assistance. Grant funds may open and close, and each program has its own eligibility rules and documentation requirements.