



## 2023 Guidelines

### Emergency Financial Assistance Program

Cancer Support Community provides emergency financial assistance to low-income individuals who are actively in treatment for cancer. The maximum amount granted is \$500. Once the application is received, Yvonne Woods, Community Outreach Manager, will reach out to the applicant to complete an intake and determine other needs.

- **To apply:** A social worker, doctor, or other medical provider must fill out the intake form online at <https://cancersupport.net/services/emergency-financial-assistance/>
- **To qualify: (1)** Individuals should be in treatment for cancer in 2023 and **(2)** have a low-income level as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standards (income level of \$76,750 or less), **(3)** reside in Alameda County, **(4)** be 55 years of age or older, and **(5)** be actively in treatment for cancer or will be in active treatment in the next six months. In some situations, the support may be extended to cancer survivors who have completed treatment in the last six months.
- The request will be reviewed by Cancer Support Community's Community Outreach Manager, Chief Mission Officer, and Finance Manager.
- The EFA funds must be made out to an entity such as a landlord, utility, or the funds can be sent via a gift card for groceries. The checks will be mailed to the individual for them to give to the entity that is being paid. The individual whose request is being granted will be mailed a cover letter asking for them to confirm receipt of the check, informing them of the grant and describing the additional services available. This financial support is for the current calendar year. If the need continues, the individual may apply for additional funding in the following calendar year. However, requests from new individuals will have higher priority.
- Assistance can be for rent, utilities, phone, food, medical insurance premiums, non-cosmetic dental & optical, complementary therapies, prescriptions, child care, transportation and nutritional supplements.
- Please note that the applications will be reviewed twice a month and the funds will go out within two weeks.
- If the individual has an emergency situation, please speak with Yvonne regarding special arrangements.