

# Quick Start to Submitting an Emergency Grant Request

Emergency grants are sometimes available to help people pay for things related to a severe illness, such as transportation, medication, rent, or food. Each grant has its own requirements and limits on the funding provided. Read the recommendations below for ways you can find and submit grant applications on your own or with your social worker.

## Patients

Emergency grants vary by where you live and what funding they offer. Start by talking to your social worker about your needs. Search the [ESRD NCC Patient Grant Library \(www.esrdncc.org/patientgrantlibrary\)](http://www.esrdncc.org/patientgrantlibrary).

### When applying for a grant, you will be asked for personal information. This may include:

- Personal identification (ID), like your driver's license or another form of photo ID.
- Proof of income, like a W-2 form or paystub.
- Last year's federal income tax return.
- Household expenses, like rent, medical, utilities, insurance, loans, etc.
- Proof of residency, like a water or electric bill.
- List of family members and their contact information.

*Have these items ready once you decide to apply.*

### Congratulations on submitting your application.

- Keep a copy of what you submitted or a confirmation number, if submitted electronically.
- Organize the information you submitted; keep it somewhere safe.
- Respond to requests that the grant company sends about your application. If you have questions, ask your social worker.

### After submitting the application:

- Watch your email or postal mail for notices about your grant.
- Be patient, as it may take a while before you receive a response.
- Ask your social worker if it is a good idea to keep looking for other funding resources.

## Social Workers

You are the expert on local resources for patients. Share what has generally worked for others. Visit the [ESRD NCC Patient Grant Library \(www.esrdncc.org/patientgrantlibrary\)](http://www.esrdncc.org/patientgrantlibrary) to learn about new or different grant opportunities.

### Requirements for each grant application varies.

- If you are meeting face-to-face to complete the application, provide a list of all documentation your patient will need.
- If completing an application online, provide an overview of what to expect.
  - Outline the needed documentation.
  - Explain the time commitment for completing the application.
- Provide support service options, if available.

### When submitting an application:

- If the application is not electronic, make a copy before submitting it.
- If submitted electronically, keep the confirmation number.
- Share timeline expectations regarding the grant submission and follow-up.
- Document the grant submission in the patient's chart based on your organization's procedures.

### After submitting the application:

- Communicate any grant updates with the patient.
- Share opportunities for additional grants, resources, or other assistance programs.
- Educate the patient about other funding resources, if available.

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