



Louisiana Pediatric
Cardiology Foundation

LPCF New Orleans Chapter: Grant Application FAQs

Q: What is an appropriate request amount? Is there a maximum grant size?

A: The requested amount should be based on bills incurred versus the family's income and ability to pay such bills. The maximum grant amount at this time is \$500.00.

Q: What can the grant money be used for?

A: Eligible expenses include:

- ♥ Travel to and from surgical center (Airfare, gas, rental car, etc.)
- ♥ Lodging and meals during stay for surgical procedure
- ♥ Oxygen and other medically-necessary items not covered by third party payers
- ♥ Prescriptions with hefty co-pays
- ♥ Durable medical equipment not covered by third party payers

Q: What can the grant money NOT be used for?

A: Items not meeting eligibility requirements include:

- ♥ Patients with non-cardiac illnesses
- ♥ Patients who are not residents of the following parishes in our service areas: Jefferson, Orleans, St. Tammany, St. Charles, St. John, St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes; as well as north Louisiana parishes surrounding Monroe
- ♥ Physician professional fees
- ♥ Items covered by third party payers
- ♥ Utilities
- ♥ Reimbursements of expenses related to pediatric cardiology primary practice sites or satellite clinics

Q: How many grants can a family apply for?

A: A child can receive 2 grants per year at \$500.00 each. The lifetime maximum amount is \$2,500.00 per child. Please note that grants of \$500 are typically reserved for surgeries.

Q: If our grant is approved, will I receive it before traveling for surgery?

A: Our goal is to mail out grant checks about a week before the travel date. Grant applications should be submitted at least 2 weeks before the surgery date, if possible. If a grant application is not fully completed with all required information, the process will be delayed.

Q: My baby hasn't been born yet. If our grant is approved, when can I expect to receive a check?

A: Prenatal requests are processed AFTER the baby is born and when surgery has been scheduled.

Q: Who do I contact if I have a question?

A: Contact our LPCF New Orleans Chapter Coordinator, Trish Caples Tierney, at (504) 559-6833 or email trish.tierney@lpcf.com.