

## **California Cancer Crushers Funding and Assistance Program Policy**

### **Introduction:**

The California Cancer Crushers' Funding and Assistance Program is designed to help offset the financial burden placed on families related to the long-term consequences of cancer. This program provides assistance to families impacted by cancer to provide rapid help for cancer treatment and recovery related needs for people residing within Humboldt County. Assistance may include and is not limited to funding assistance in for form of cash, meal train, and fuel cards and or assistance with a fundraising event. Assistance is generally granted on a one-time basis per person per 12-month period. Funding serves the needs of both children and adults.

Assistance may include and is not limited to funding assistance in the form of cash, fuel cards, coordinating meal trains, providing event planning expertise for cancer fundraisers, and any other support the California Cancer Crushers can offer to help ease the burden of battling cancer on local families. Funding serves the needs of both children and adults. Funding assistance is are generally granted on a one-time basis per person per 12-month period and is dependent on availability of funds.

In addition, the California Cancer Crusher provides another form of support by sponsoring an annual hat pass donation for a selected individual at its annual Wings for a Cure fundraiser. Nominations for the hat pass may be submitted on a Funding/Assistance Application.

### **Application Information:**

Funding and Assistance Applications must be submitted to a California Cancer Crusher Board Member, mailed to P.O. Box 3654, Eureka, CA 95502 or submitted online at <https://thecancercrusher.org/application-for-funding-assistance/>. All applications for funding or assistance will be evaluated at the first Board meeting to occur after application submission. Board meetings are held once a month, typically on the third Tuesday of the month. Following Board approval, funds will be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated in the Funding and Assistance Application form. Decisions about funding and support requests are contingent upon a majority Board approval, volunteer availability and the availability of funds at the time of review. Occasionally the Board will ask for additional information before making a decision. Please review the guidelines prior to submitting a request and make sure that all questions are answered fully.

### **Funding and Support Request Details:**

Funding in excess of \$500 is seldom approved and most funding requests fall within the range of \$200-500.

Please indicate the medical diagnosis of the applicant, if the applicant is a resident of Humboldt County and the funding and/or assistance need. Everyone's cancer journey is different, and each application is reviewed and treated on an individual's need basis.

**Application Review Information:**

Although this is a monthly funding process, there is generally a two week turn-around time on application review and check processing following Board approval. The California Cancer Crushers Board reviews applications each Board meeting, typically held on the third Tuesday of each month however this date is subject to change contingent upon Board availability.

Please contact the California Cancer Crusher via email at [cacancercrusher@gmail.com](mailto:cacancercrusher@gmail.com) with questions about the funding and assistance application or its process.

**Regularly Funded (fund budget and urgency of medical needs are considered first)**

- Cancer related medical examinations, procedures and equipment
- Cancer related travel for treatment and/or recovery
- Prescriptions (emergency, short-term, non-recurring)
- Items to improve accessibility/independence Specialty items such as eyeglasses, orthopedic equipment, Compression stockings, etc.
- Childcare related to cancer related treatments and/or travel
- Other cancer related expenses