



## CRITERIA FOR LINKED BY PINK MEDICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

**\* The age limit has been temporarily increased to those diagnosed before the age of 55**

1. The grant is open to all breast cancer patients/survivors initially diagnosed with breast cancer before the age of 45.
2. The patient must live within a 45 mile radius of Erie, PA.
3. Form must be filled out entirely including all required medical provider sections and required signatures. A copy of most recent income tax return must be included except for stage 4 patients.
4. The total amount available for all grants is set each year during our budget session beginning January 1. Funds available may affect the number/amount of grants approved each year.
5. The maximum amount of the grant is \$2,000 per person yearly, until all funds from the grant fund are exhausted. Medical grant maximum is \$1000 per year. Travel grant maximum is \$200 per year. Living Expense grant maximum is \$800 per year.

**\*\*\* Please note:**

***Above are the maximum amounts available per grant.***

***Not all applicants will qualify for maximum amounts.***

***Not all applicants will qualify for all three grants.***

6. We do not pay for costs already paid for by insurance or another program.
7. If reapplying after receiving a grant, there is a waiting period of 12 months before submitting a new application and all requirements must be met before applying again.
8. Incomplete or old applications will not be processed.

### **Income Guidelines**

Eligibility is determined on a case by case basis. Supporting documentation may be submitted as a proof of extenuating circumstances.

Income Information - **\*\*Note** - Grants above these income limits are awarded on a sliding scale.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Yearly Income	\$51,040	\$68,960	\$86,880	\$104,800	\$122,720	\$140,640	\$158,560	\$176,480

## **Billing Procedure**

For unpaid expenses/bills, payment will be made directly to the provider in their name.

For **reimbursement** of covered expenses, copies of paid receipts must be provided to Linked By Pink.

**\*Please allow 4 - 6 weeks for processing of payments**

*\*See next page for allowable expenses for all grants\**

## **Allowable Expenses**

### **Medical Grant**

- Medical treatment necessary as a result of a breast cancer diagnosis
- Doctor or therapist co-pays or office visits
- Prescribed Lymphedema garments and supplies
- Prescription and co-pays of medications
- Medically necessary supplies prescribed by a doctor

### **Travel Grant**

- Transportation cost to get to treatment in the form of a gas card, from Country Fair or Kwik Fill, which can be used by you or a caregiver/friend who provides the transportation. Under special circumstances, other forms of transportation help will be considered in lieu of a gas card.
- This grant is primarily for those in active treatment.

### **Living Expense Grant**

- This grant is for living expenses not covered by the medical grant or travel grant, including rent, mortgage, utility payments (gas, electric or water only) or food.
- Rent, and mortgage payments will only be made directly to the provider.
- Utility payments will be made directly to the provider unless receipts showing proof of payment are provided in which case reimbursement will be paid to the patient.
- Grocery costs will be in the form of a gift card from Giant Eagle or Wegmans.
- No reimbursement will be given for previously paid Living Expense costs.
- This grant is primarily for those in active treatment.

***\*If approved all bills must be submitted within one year of approval, otherwise balance will be forfeited.***

**\*Please allow 4 - 6 weeks for processing of application and payments\***

**\*\*LBP will not be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.**