

Special Needs Grant Application

Please print clearly. You may use additional pages to answer the questions fully.

Name _____ Date of birth _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Email address _____ Do you speak English? _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Best time to call _____
Contact person if we are unable to reach you _____ Phone _____
May we identify ourselves as the BCAG when leaving a message? _____
Marital Status _____ Do you have children living at home? _____ Ages _____
If employed who is your employer? If not employed, what is your employment status? _____

If necessary to assist you, may we contact your employer? Phone: _____

Who are your physicians? _____

May we contact your physicians, their billings departments, or your insurance company if the need arises? If so, please sign here: _____

Do you have medical insurance? _____ MediCal _____ Medicare _____ Other _____
Please describe your breast cancer history, starting with diagnosis and describe your current health condition. Include your financial need that is a result of breast cancer. Is there anything else we should know about you or your situation when reviewing this request?

What is the amount of your request and how would you use it? _____

Have you applied to BCAG for a grant previously?
You may attach copies of bills, letters, or other information that clarify your request.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please send this application to BCAG, P. O. Box 221582, Carmel, CA 93922-1582 or fax to 866-219-8561.
For more information visit bcagmp.org. You may print an application from that site and send by fax or US mail to BCAG at address above

Who is BCAG?

Breast Cancer Assistance Group of Monterey County (BCAG) is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of breast cancer survivors that provides need-based grants to help breast cancer patients with their basic living expenses.

Who receives grants?

Special Needs Grants are given to women or men in active treatment who have a financial need caused by their breast cancer, often due to loss of income, high medical costs, or other circumstances. Applications are considered from breast cancer patients who are

- Residents of Monterey County being treated by physicians located anywhere, or
- Residents of Monterey, San Benito or Santa Cruz County being treated by Monterey County physicians.

How do I apply?

Simply complete, sign, and return this one-page application by fax, mail or email to BCAG. Members of your medical team or social workers are familiar with our process and are willing and able to help you complete and submit this form.

Confirmation of your breast cancer diagnosis as well as copies of relevant bills may be included with your application. Note that BCAG does not pay medical bills but instead provides financial assistance to offset your basic living expenses such as rent, transportation, utilities, childcare, and food.

What can you expect?

Your personal information is handled with utmost care to protect your privacy. Each application is rapidly assigned to a volunteer member of our Board of Directors who will reach out to you via phone for a brief conversation. We may also consult with your health

care providers, as needed, prior to making a recommendation that is discussed by the Board.

If you are awarded a special needs assistance grant, you may receive a check or gift card or you may request that we pay your creditors directly.

BCAG does not discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, age, ancestry, physical and/or mental disability (including HIV and AIDS), medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, or military and/or veteran status.

How does BCAG raise funds?

BCAG applies for grants from local foundations to cover our modest operational expenses. We have no paid staff. We co-host an annual Bowlathon fundraiser in March and participate in other local fundraisers throughout the year. The majority of our support comes from the generous contributions of local individuals and community organizations that wish to assist local breast cancer patients. All donations to BCAG are acknowledged and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Unlike national charities, all contributions and grants benefit patients in our local community.

Contact

Breast Cancer Assistance Group of Monterey County (BCAG)
P.O. Box 221582, Carmel, CA 93922
Voicemail: 831.649.6365
Fax: 866.219.8561
Email: contact@bcagmc.org
More information: www.bcagmc.org



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The Breast Cancer Assistance Group of Monterey County provides financial assistance grants to local men and women suffering financial hardship due to their breast cancer diagnosis and treatment.

- Application process is simple
- Information is confidential
- Assistance arrives quickly

Breast Cancer Assistance Group of Monterey County is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, publicly supported organization under Sections 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code (FEIN 91-1972448), and is incorporated and registered in California. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.