

Financial Assistance Program for Renal transplant patients affected by COVID-19



Renal transplant recipients are expected to be at higher risk for bacterial and viral infections and mortality from COVID-19. Mortality can be as high as 30% compared to 3-4% seen in the general population.

We foresee an increased financial burden for transplant patients fighting COVID-19 and having been through the arduous procedure of transplantation and immunosuppressive medication, we want each patient to have a fighting chance if faced with a Covid infection.

I-SHARE Foundation is a Pune-based not-for-profit (12A, 80G approved) organization formed with a mission to **I**nnovate **S**olutions for **H**ealthcare **A**ccess **R**esearch and **E**ducation. It was primarily formed to address gaps in the healthcare system, especially in healthcare access.

We are happy to announce the launch a grant program through a donation received from Bellwether Capital, Mumbai. The program will offer assistance of up to Rs 50,000/- to a financially challenged* hospitalised renal transplant recipient affected by COVID-19. The program is being directed by Dr. Meetali Bidaye - Consultant Nephrologist and Co-Director of I-SHARE Foundation.

Important information

- No money will be exchanged directly with the patient. It will be deposited in the bank account of the treating hospital.
- The forms and credibility of source will be confirmed by the treating hospital social workers.
- Once all checks are done the social worker at the hospital or the charity department as appropriate will contact I-SHARE Foundation to approve the request.
- No patient will contact I-SHARE Foundation directly.
- Once the initial grant money for this project is depleted, no further help can be offered until a new grant is available.

*Evidence of proof required. Terms & conditions apply.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply for the grant?

A financially challenged hospitalised renal transplant recipient affected by COVID-19. The patient needs to have been admitted to a hospital in Maharashtra, wherein the hospital will need to produce details of admission with ongoing treatment of COVID-19.

What is meant by 'financially challenged'?

The patient will need to produce evidence of need i.e. income certificate/ration card red or orange or bank statements over the last 6 months from primary account which show income less than Rs. 1,00,000 (One Lac) per year.

Can any other COVID-19 patient apply for the grant?

The grant is limited for disbursement only to a financially challenged hospitalised renal transplant recipient affected by COVID-19.

What is the financial assistance provided by the grant?

The program will offer assistance of up to Rs 50,000/- to a financially challenged hospitalised renal transplant recipient affected by COVID-19.

What are the documents required for submission of the application form?

Documents include (1) Filled application form, (2) Aadhar card/Driver's license, (3) Income certificate and (4) Ration card copy.

Where can the application form be submitted?

The application form and supporting documents may be sent via email to isharefoundation@gmail.com or may be submitted to the hospital social worker. I-SHARE Foundation will not entertain any direct contact with the applicant.

What is the grant approval process?

The forms and credibility of source will be confirmed by the treating hospital social worker. Once all checks are done the social worker at the hospital or the charity department as appropriate will contact I-SHARE Foundation to approve the request.

I-SHARE Foundation will attempt to disburse funds in all fairness and without discrimination, on first cum-first served basis, but reserves the right to assess medical and financial need. Grant of financial assistance is subject to availability of funds.

When will the grant amount be disbursed?

Once the team at I-SHARE Foundation has approved the application, they will connect with the social worker of the hospital, and funds will be transferred to the hospital bank account within 3 working days thereafter. The patient will be informed of the same through the hospital social worker.

Where will the grant amount be sent?

No money will be exchanged directly with the patient. It will be deposited in the bank account of the treating hospital.

Who is financing the grant?

The grant is being financed by I-SHARE Foundation, through a donation received from Bellwether Capital, Mumbai (www.bellwethercapital.in).

What is the duration for this grant?

Once the initial grant money for this project is depleted, no further help can be offered until a new grant is available.



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