

## **Financial Strain in the World of COVID-19**

### *Where Can You Turn When You Need Help?*

The country looks very different today than it did a mere three months ago. Americans of every age and income bracket are facing struggles that would have been unimaginable to even the most cautious of planners. Some of the most challenging financial stresses that Baby Boomers have ever faced have been brought about by COVID-19. There is help available to many households for those that reach out. Here are some of the most generous and reputable organizations offering financial relief for the drain created by the pandemic. This list is by no means exhaustive, and if you are aware of a group that should be featured here please let us know by sending an e-mail to [info@seniorhealthplanfinder.com](mailto:info@seniorhealthplanfinder.com).

[The American Kidney Fund](#) - The AKF has launched an Emergency Coronavirus Relief Fund for transplant and dialysis patients that have been affected by COVID-19

[CancerCare COVID-19 Assistance](#) - This non-profit has a program to assist with expenses including medical costs and beyond for cancer patients with COVID-19 complications. As of May 15th, 2020, they have exhausted available monies for COVID-19 specific requests and are seeking donations that will allow them to accept additional applications.

[The HealthWell Foundation](#) - is offering help with ancillary expenses for patients who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or to anyone in the household of such a patient. The grant can be used for food, transportation, medication co-pays, and much more. For patients who have been unable to meet their medical expenses due to a COVID-19 diagnosis, HealthWell has a second fund specifically for assistance with premium payments, which [can be found here](#).

[Humanity Forward Emergency Relief Fund](#) - is the organization run by former presidential candidate Andrew Yang and is targeting low-income Americans that have been impacted by the pandemic. A pilot test is being run in the Bronx, New York before the program is expanded to other areas.

[The National Organization for Rare Diseases \(NORD\)](#) also has two separate funds available to assist with ancillary expenses and premium payments for patients chronically ill with rare diseases that have been further complicated by pandemic-related health issues.

[The Patient Advocate Foundation \(PAF\)](#) provides patients diagnosed with a chronic, life-threatening and debilitating disease who are impacted by the novel coronavirus COVID-19, and those hospitalized for COVID-19, with help managing basic cost of living needs like food, rent and mortgage, utilities, insurance, and necessary transportation costs that have become difficult to manage due to the pandemic.

[The PAN Foundation](#) - has added a COVID=19 emergency relief fund to the vast list of disease-specific funds that help patients pay for medical care and medication, but the program is currently on hold. The fund will reopen once additional donations have been secured.

[The PINK Fund](#) - offers cost of living assistance in the short-term for patients undergoing active treatment for breast cancer who have lost additional income due to a COVID-19 diagnosis for the patient or a member of their immediate household.

[The Tutu Project](#) - is offering help to breast cancer patients who are struggling to feed their families due to the pandemic. Applications must be submitted by mail.

In addition to the programs listed above, [Grantspace](#) has compiled a list of national and state-specific resources for assistance, along with a list of funds dedicated to those in specific professions who have been directly affected by the disease, either as patients or furloughed workers.