



Susan G. Komen Wisconsin Breast Cancer Assistance Fund Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Susan G. Komen Wisconsin is committed to ensuring that all individuals have access to breast cancer education, screening, high-quality treatment, and support during and after treatment. The Komen Wisconsin Breast Cancer Assistance Fund (the Fund) provides funding for breast health services and those with breast cancer.

Below is information about the financial assistance that is provided.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Q: Am I eligible to receive financial assistance while I am going through breast cancer treatment or for receiving a screening and diagnostic test?

A: The criteria is as follows:

- Be a resident of or receive screening/diagnostic testing or breast cancer treatment in these counties:

Columbia	Lincoln	Shawano
Dane	Marathon	Taylor
Dodge	Milwaukee	Walworth
Green	Ozaukee	Washington
Iowa	Portage	Waukesha
Jefferson	Racine	Wood
Kenosha	Rock	
Langlade	Sauk	
- Uninsured, insured and under insured individuals may apply.
- Individuals with income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (see income amounts below).
- Individuals who are currently in active treatment. For the purposes of receiving funding, active treatment is defined as receiving surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation at the time the funding is requested.

Q: What if I reside or receive services outside of the 22 counties listed above. Is there any other financial assistance available?

A: Yes, there is. Please contact the Susan G. Komen National Treatment Assistance Program at 1-877 GO KOMEN (465-6636) or email helpline@komen.org. Even if you qualify for the Wisconsin Fund you can also apply to this program as well.

There is also a listing of other Wisconsin resources at <https://komenwisconsin.org/local-resources-for-you/>

Q: Do I have to show proof of income in the application?

A: Yes, acceptable proof of income is needed. Only ONE of the following needs to be submitted

- The first two pages of signed copy of Income tax return
(You may black out your social security number)
OR

- If you do not file a tax return: Copies of your most recent pay stab, unemployment check, or SSI, SSD, or public assistance benefit notification
OR
- If you do not have income: Provide letter of support from friend or family member

Q: If I have additional questions, who do I contact?

A:

Janet Johnson, Breast Cancer Assistance Fund Coordinator

Janet works at the Wisconsin Women’s Health Foundation. The Wisconsin Women’s Health Foundation is an amazing partner with Susan G. Komen. They are hired to provide the administrative staff that processes your financial assistance.

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Fund Website: KomenWisconsin.org/Fund

Q: What are the federal poverty level guidelines that are referenced in the guidelines?

A:

2020 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines *			
# in household	100% FPL	250% FPL	300% FPL
1	12,760	31,900	38,280
2	17,240	43,100	51,720
3	21,720	54,300	65,160
4	26,200	65,500	78,600
5	30,680	76,700	92,040
6	35,160	87,900	105,480
7	39,640	99,100	118,920
8	44,120	110,300	132,360
9	52,330	130,825	156,990
10	56,750	141,875	170,250
For each additional family member after 10, another \$4,480.00 is added			

*Note: this will change annually

INFORMATION ON MAMMOGRAMS, CLINICAL BREAST EXAMS AND OTHER SCREENING AND DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

Q: I don't have any insurance and I need a mammogram?

A: Before filing out an application for the Komen Wisconsin Breast Cancer Assistance Fund, see if you qualify for a more comprehensive funding program, the Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP). The WWWP provides preventive health screening services to women with little or no health insurance coverage. The WWWP pays for mammograms, Pap tests, cervical cancer screenings, multiple sclerosis testing for high risk women, and certain other health screenings. You are eligible if:

- You are a woman age 45 through 64, and
- Your income is within the [program's guideline limits, P-43029 \(PDF\)](#), and
- You do not have health insurance, or the insurance you have doesn't cover routine check-ups and screening, or you are unable to pay the deductible or co-payment.
- You are a woman age 35 through 44 who meets the WWWP criteria and are experiencing breast health symptoms; breast lump or palpable mass; bloody or serous nipple discharge; breast skin changes (dimpling, retraction; redness); nipple or areolar scaliness; breast pain unrelated to the menstrual cycle; or abnormal mammogram that is suspicious for cancer.

Call the WWWP at 608-266-8311 for more information.

Q: What services and tests do you cover?

A: The breast health screening and diagnostic services covered by the Fund are clinical breast exam; mammogram; diagnostic mammogram; ultrasound; galactogram; ductogram, MRI, and biopsy.

Q: Where can I go for a mammogram, clinical breast exam or other tests where the fees will be covered by the Komen Wisconsin Breast Cancer Assistance Fund?

A: When approved you can choose from a list of locations where screening and diagnostic services are provided by the Fund by [clicking here](#). More providers are being listed all the time.

Q: Can you reimburse for the doctor/hospital bills I already paid?

A: The Fund is only able to make payments to the providers; we cannot reimburse applicants.

INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSIS

Q: What is the amount of financial assistance I will be able to receive while I am going through my breast cancer diagnosis?

A: A one-time award of \$500 will be rewarded to the individual. If an individual is re-diagnosed, they can reapply.

Q: What can I use the \$500 grant for?

A: You can choose how those funds will support you during treatment from the following list.

- Transportation (gas, car payment, car repair, bus pass, Uber fare, etc.)
- Medication (anti-nausea, oral chemo, pain, hormonal therapy, etc.)
- Health Insurance Premiums, Co-Pays, Deductibles, Co-Insurance
- Daily living expenses (groceries, utilities, rent, mortgage, etc.)
- Lymphedema Supplies
- Durable Medical Equipment

- Elder/Childcare

Q: What if I need the funds for something not on the list?

A: Contact Janet Johnson, Breast Cancer Assistance Fund Coordinator, to discuss your specific need

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