



## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Fast Track Financial Assistance Program Guidelines

### Description

Susan G. Komen® Colorado (Komen Colorado) is committed to creating a world without breast cancer. As we work to make that vision a reality, we are committed to saving lives now and alleviating the suffering of those facing the disease today. During the COVID-19 public health crisis, this means ensuring that our most under-resourced Coloradans in active breast cancer treatment receive immediate financial assistance to minimize their financial burden and increasing the likelihood of continuing their treatment.

Thanks to the generous support of our supporters, donors and sponsors, Komen Colorado is offering direct, non-medical financial assistance to eligible individuals during the COVID-19 public health crisis over the next six weeks. Individuals residing in Colorado that are actively in breast cancer treatment and that are currently at or below [400% of the Federal Poverty Level](#) are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to applicants who fall in at least one of the following categories:

- Latino and/or African American
- Reside in one of the [24 rural Colorado counties](#)
- Currently living with metastatic breast cancer
- Living at or under [250% of Federal Poverty Level](#)

Komen Colorado intends to provide \$500 gifts of non-medical financial assistance to 60 approved applicants to be used for rent/mortgage, utilities, transportation, groceries and/or childcare.

### Eligibility

1. To be considered for funding, individuals are required to complete the [COVID-19 Fast Track Financial Assistance Program application](#) located on Komen Colorado's website. Individuals residing in Colorado currently at or below [400% of the Federal Poverty Level](#) that are actively in breast cancer treatment are eligible to apply.

Komen Colorado defines active treatment as the period after a breast cancer diagnosis and during which treatments such as surgeries (single or bi-lateral mastectomies, lumpectomies), chemotherapy, or radiation are administered. You will still be considered in active treatment if you have completed one of these treatments in the past month. Long-term hormonal therapies are considered active treatment for individuals living with Metastatic Breast Cancer. Active treatment does not include reconstruction.



2. Due to funding limits, priority will be given to applicants who fall in the following categories:
  - Latino and/or African American
  - Reside in one of the [24 rural Colorado counties](#)
  - Currently living with metastatic breast cancer
  - Living at or under [250% of Federal Poverty Level](#)
3. During the application process, individuals will be required to provide consent for a health care provider involved in their breast cancer treatment to verify active breast cancer treatment.
4. Provide a working phone number. Email addresses aren't required but strongly encouraged as applications without an email will take longer to process.
5. Applicants who receive an intent to fund notification are required to submit a W-9 prior to receiving payment\*.
6. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
7. If we are unable to verify information in the application, you may no longer be considered eligible.
8. Individuals are eligible to receive non-medical financial assistance one-time only.

*Individuals who cannot submit the application online due to barriers such as technology, internet connectivity, and/or language may call Komen Colorado's Breast Care Connection Line at 303-744.2088, ext. 401 to complete it over the phone.*

### **Review Process and Distribution of Funds**

Applications will be reviewed and scored by at least two Komen Colorado representatives on a weekly basis to ensure fair and timely reviews. Komen Colorado endeavors to notify applicants of intent to fund within one week from the time of submission.

Applicants who receive the intent to fund notification letter (see schedule below) may be further considered for non-medical financial assistance by following the steps contained in the letter. Steps include submitting a W-9 and deposit authorization form within 4 business days. Additional documentation such as bank statements, utility bills and pay stubs may be required.



Anticipated Schedule:

Application submission period	Intent to fund notifications communicated by Komen Colorado	Applicant W-9, deposit authorization form and any requested additional documents.
4/20/2020 - 4/26/2020	4/27/2020	5/1/2020
4/27/2020 - 5/3/2020	5/4/2020	5/8/2020
5/4/2020 - 5/10/2020	5/11/2020	5/15/2020
5/11/2020 - 5/17/2020	5/18/2020	5/22/2020
5/18/2020 - 5/24/2020	5/26/2020	5/29/2020
5/25/2020 - 5/31/2020	6/1/2020	6/5/2020

Komen Colorado may process non-medical financial assistance when forms are submitted, and information provided in the application has been verified.

Applicants that provided an email address and are denied funding will receive notification within 10 business days.

**Privacy**

Komen Colorado will maintain confidentiality of all applicant information provided on the application for fast track funding.

**Receipt and Release**

Approved recipients are required to sign a full and final release for any liability associated with funds received.

*\*Komen Colorado may consider alternatives if submission of a W-9 tax form would create a barrier to accessing non-medical financial assistance.*