

Funding Guidelines for Families & Social Workers

2010

Standard Types of Financial Support Provided:

The David Foster Foundation provides financial support for non-medical expenses incurred by families of children needing life saving organ transplants. The foundation provides different levels of support for families depending on both their financial circumstances and also on what part of the transplant journey they are on. Decisions regarding support are made in consultation with the family's transplant team.

Most families require more support when they are waiting for a transplant and immediately following transplant. Once they are past the first year anniversary of the transplant, often support is no longer required or is reduced to assistance getting to regular checkups.

The foundation does not provide financial support for medical expenses, such as prescription medications.

Although decisions about funding are made on a case-by-case basis based on each family's situation and in consultation with the family's transplant team, the following are examples of the types of non-medical expenses we provide assistance with during the pre-transplant and first year after transplant phases:

- food, gas, parking, living expenses, items such as clothing, toiletries etc. if the family has had to relocate or leave home suddenly for their transplant in another city
- hotel or other accommodations (such as Ronald McDonald House, Easter Seal house)
- flights to and from medical appointments or for transplant
- childcare support for other siblings if required
- telephone bills
- often we provide some level of rental or mortgage support for the family when they are away from their home or unable to work due to their child's medical circumstances.

After the one year transplant anniversary:

Family support after the first year anniversary is judged on a case-by-case basis, however for most families, support is no longer required after this time. If support is required for an annual medical checkup, financial support is limited to travel and accommodation costs for one parent and the child.

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Applying for funding

In order to receive funding, families must fill out an application form and provide a copy of the first two pages of each parents most recent Canada Revenue tax assessment notice. Application forms are available under the family resources section of our website www.davidfosterfoundation.com. Both parents must provide current tax information on an annual basis to the foundation in order to remain eligible for funding.

Providing Receipts

It is **very important** to keep track of all the purchases made with the funding you receive. Copies of your receipts must be sent in on a regular and timely basis, accompanied with a completed expense report. Expense reports are available on the Family Resources section of the foundation website.

This is a Canada Revenue requirement. If families do not provide receipts, the money they receive from the foundation cannot be considered a charitable expense and the Canada Revenue agency could consider the funds provided to them to be additional income and a taxable benefit. This is not a situation we would ever want to see a family in, so please help us continue to help your family by providing your receipts and expense reports regularly (every two weeks is preferred).

**Expense reports and receipts should be mailed to:
The David Foster Foundation
212 Henry Street
Victoria BC
V9A 3H9**

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