



PA Fund Lupus Emergency Grant Program: Eligibility Guidelines 2025

The PA Fund Lupus Emergency Grant Program (LEGP) provides short-term, emergency financial assistance to people with lupus in the United States undergoing particularly trying times. **Six grants are awarded each month** to those individuals living with lupus who apply and demonstrate the most urgent financial needs. Once approved by LEGP's Review Committee, a grant is awarded up to the **maximum amount of \$500.00**. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

Grant requests are evaluated by the review committee according to the following guidelines:

- Grants are for emergency and non-recurring personal or living expenses created by sudden loss of job, loss of disability benefits, awaiting public assistance, personal trauma or tragedy, overwhelming medical expenses, etc.
- If the number of qualifying applications submitted exceed the maximum number of grants allowed per month, the applications that demonstrate the most dire needs take priority.
- Applicants must live in the United States.
- Applicants must be age 18 or older diagnosed with lupus. Parents or guardians of children under 18 years who are diagnosed with lupus and living in the U.S. may also apply.
- Applicants cannot apply more than once in a calendar year.
- Applicants must have a household income that falls at or below 200% the Federal Poverty Level which can be calculated [here](#).
- Applicants must offer satisfactory evidence that lupus has been medically diagnosed. This can be physician verification dated within the past 2 years or a recent medical visit summary showing your diagnosis. Handwritten notes will not be accepted.
- Applicants must identify the need and demonstrate how the grant will be used by providing one or more recent (within the past 3 months) outstanding bills up to or exceeding the maximum grant amount. Handwritten notes will not be accepted.
- Applicants must provide copies of the required supporting documents via the application or attached to an email to LEGP (legp@lupusresearch.org).
- Approved grants will be paid either directly to the applicant via Zelle or American Express e-gift card. Zelle is the preferred method of payment.
- Grants are limited to 1 per person up to a maximum of \$500 in any 12-month period. Approval of one grant for less than \$500 does not entitle the grant recipient to the balance in that 12-month period. Once the grant is awarded, the internal audit review process is closed for that recipient and requests for further funding will not be considered until the waiting period expires. The review committee will consider each application based on the applicant's situation at time of submission.
- Funding of a grant application does not guarantee subsequent funding.

- Examples of covered items: Temporary subsidy for rent arrears with eviction status, past due utility bills with disconnect status, emergency medical treatment

Grant applications are available:

- Online at the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/legp>
- Via mail or phone, by contacting the PA Fund for Patient Advocacy at:
PA Fund for Patient Advocacy
C/o Lupus Research Alliance
270 Madison Avenue, Suite 300
New York, NY 10016
646-884-6000

Please note the review and notification process is approximately **two weeks** from time of submission.

Eligibility and grant guidelines are subject to change. Grants are contingent on the availability of funds.