



Live Donation: Financial Toolkit

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Nonprofit Sources of Financial Assistance for Living Donors

** Disclaimer: The American Society of Transplantation and its Living Donor Community of Practice workgroup neither endorse nor discourage the use of any of the following organizations.

There are nonprofit groups that help living donors with some expenses related to donation. Please talk with your living donor team about which of these programs might work best for you. Also, the program assistance and criteria may change over time, so please check with the program directly to understand their services. This list was updated February 2016.

In addition: please see the separate chapter on the National Living Donor Assistance Center travel grant; tips for fundraising; and potential sources of tax assistance in your state.

If your intended recipient has work-related insurance, we encourage you to check whether this insurance has any

travel benefits/ reimbursement for potential living donors. Most often, these benefits offer reimbursement after a trip has been made; reimbursement checks are issued to the carrier of the insurance (ie: the recipient). While this may not be ideal, it may offer at least some help.

We also recommend you check with human resources at your employer, or your union representative, to find out if there is a living donation-specific paid leave benefit. You may want to check with your donor social worker about this too, since it is not uncommon for human resources representatives to be unaware of these benefits.

The following are potential sources of financial assistance. This list will be updated as additional sources are identified – if we've missed one, please let us know and we will be happy to add.

American Kidney Fund

- <http://www.kidneyfund.org/patient-programs/safety-net-grants/qualifying-for-a-grant-from.html>
- Maximum grant is \$100 per year for donors, up to 5 years post- donation.

American Living Organ Donor Fund

- <http://www.helpingdonorssavelives.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/ALODF-Brochure-Blue-Theme-Mar.-2015.pdf>

American Organ Transplant Association

- <http://www.aotaonline.org/transportation.html>
- Greyhound bus tickets for transplant recipient and companion. If donor is related to the recipient, they might cover bus ticket.

American Transplant Foundation

- <http://www.americantransplantfoundation.org/programs/pap/>
- Offers limited donor assistance grants, through a few transplant centers.



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Georgia Transplant Foundation

- <http://gatransplant.org/financial-assistance/living-donor/>
- Donor can apply for a financial assistance grant if either the donor or recipient resides in Georgia.

Iowa Anatomical Gift Public Awareness and Transplantation Fund

- <http://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/Files/AnatomicalGift/category3.pdf>
- Iowa residents who are donors can apply for assistance with certain expenses, up to \$1,000.

Living Organ Donor Network

- http://www.amfdt.org/lodn_info.aspx
- An organization in which some transplant centers participate. Provides some limited life/ disability insurance to the living donors who get care at participating centers.

Southwest Airlines Medical Transportation grants program

- <https://www.southwest.com/medicalgrant/>
- Southwest Airlines can provide vouchers to transplant centers that have applied for the grant. Talk with your Donor Social Worker or Transplant Coordinator.

TRIO – Transplant Recipients International Organization

- <http://www.trioweb.org/resources/trio-united-airlines-travel-program.html>
- United Airlines tickets using donated miles