Questions and Answers  
For Patients

1. **Do I qualify?**

   To be eligible for the Maryland Cancer Fund, you must be a Maryland resident and meet the income criteria of having annual household income of less than 250% of the Federal Poverty Level.

2. **Do I have to be a United States citizen to apply?**

   No, but you must be a Maryland Resident for 6 months.

3. **How do I apply?**

   Applications are only accepted from approved organizations. Therefore, you must contact your Local Health Department to apply or contact the MCF Coordinator at (410) 767-6213 for more information.

4. **How much are the grants?**

   Grants are awarded up to $20,000, depending on the application.

5. **How long does a grant last?**

   Grants are awarded for 1 year.

6. **What type of cancer does the Maryland Cancer Fund cover?**

   The Maryland Cancer Fund covers all types of cancer, except breast and cervical cancer which are covered under another State program.

7. **Does the Fund cover the cost of diagnosing cancer?**

   Yes, the MCF covers the cost of cancer diagnosis.

8. **Can I apply if I have already been diagnosed with cancer?**

   Yes, the MCF covers a cancer diagnosed within 6 months of the application submission.
9. Will the grants pay for cancer treatment received before the date of application?

   No. The MCF does not pay for bills/invoices prior to the start date of the grant.

10. Can I have health insurance and still qualify for MCF?

    Yes, if you have health insurance you can still qualify for an MCF grant. The grant could cover the cost of the deductibles, copays and coinsurance.