



Parkinson Association of Central Florida Steady Hand Grants

Whether at onset or years later, Parkinson's Disease takes physical, psychological and financial tolls on patients, caregivers and families. PACF's Steady Hand Grants provide need-based, short-term financial assistance. Whether it is transportation costs, co-pay relief, doctor-recommended treatments or other care, Steady Hand Grants — not to exceed \$500 — are designed to help fill financial gaps for Central Florida's Parkinson's community.

To qualify for a grant, the patient must provide documentation that confirms he/she meet all of the following criteria:

- A household income of no more than 50 percent above the most recent national poverty guideline, as established by the Department of Health and Human Services.¹
- A doctor or therapist-recommended need or treatment that specifically addresses Parkinson's or Parkinson's-related conditions.
- A breakdown of the costs related for the treatment or care, from the provider.
- Patient lives in Central Florida, as designated by PACF.

If granted, the money will be paid directly to the medical facility, therapy center or other agency providing the care — not the patient.

All applicants will receive notification on their application within 45 days. Grant recipients are ineligible for an additional grant until 180 days have passed from the distribution of their most recent award.

A three-person committee comprised of members from the PACF board and/or PACF advisory council will review the applications and documentation. If additional information is needed, a PACF representative will reach out to the patient for that documentation. A unanimous vote of the committee will advance the application to the board that, at the next Board meeting, will vote to approve the funds. A majority vote is required.

¹Based on the most recent poverty guidelines, the PACF grants would be available to patients whose annual income does not exceed:

- Household of 1: \$18,210
- Household of 2: \$24,690
- Household of 3: \$31,170
- Household of 4: \$37,660

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services