



LGBTQ FAMILY-BUILDING GRANTS

The below grant opportunities are available for the LGBTQ community to help offset the costs of assisted reproductive technology and/ or adoption. Staff at Family Equality Council have confirmed eligibility requirements for the following grants, but we are unable to personally vet the organizations listed below. If you encounter a problem of any kind during the application process, or if you feel that they have been discriminated against in any way, please let us know by emailing info@familyequality.org.

AGC Scholarship Foundation

AGC Scholarship Foundation is a nonprofit group committed to providing both advocacy and financial support for those struggling with infertility in the U.S. The AGC Hope Scholarship will give couples or individuals who do not have the financial resources to pay for infertility treatments the opportunity to fulfill their dream of becoming parents.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must have a diagnosis of infertility, be over 18 years of age and be U.S. citizens.

BabyQuest Foundation

BabyQuest Foundation is a non-profit organization whose goal is to grant financial assistance to those who cannot afford fertility treatments such as IUI, IVF, egg donation, and surrogacy. Applications are accepted from heterosexual, same-sex couples, and singles.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants may reside anywhere in the United States. They must demonstrate financial need and submit required medical documentation. Applicants must demonstrate overall good physical and mental health, be under the age of 40, and meet the definition of infertility as determined by the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM). In addition, applicants need to show financial stability including basic health insurance for mother/prenatal care, adequate living arrangements and means for child support.

The Kyle and Samantha Busch Bundle of Joy Fund

The Kyle & Samantha Busch Bundle of Joy Fund is a monetary award for in-need families struggling with infertility. These funds assist with the costs associated with infertility treatment through the REACH Clinic of Charlotte. Applicants must receive a diagnosis of infertility at a REACH Clinic prior to applying for the grant.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must have a diagnosis of infertility from the REACH Clinic of Charlotte, and must be a legal permanent U.S. resident in North Carolina.

The Cade Foundation

The Cade Foundation helps couples by providing several different types of grants to those struggling with infertility. The grant provides up to \$10,000 per funded family (as fund permit) to help with costs of domestic adoption and medical fertility treatment. Several of their grants require diagnose at Shady Grove Fertility.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must have documented infertility and must be a legal, permanent residents of the U.S.

The Family Formation Charitable Trust

The American Academy of Adoption Attorneys' Family Formation Charitable Trust provides financial assistance to individuals and nonprofit organizations seeking to build families through adoption and assisted reproductive technology. Grants range from \$500 to \$2,000. Application deadlines are September 1 and March 1 of each year.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. No diagnosis of infertility is required. Grant application is open to individuals or couples. At least one prospective parent in a relationship must be a U.S. citizen.

Footsteps for Fertility Foundation

Footsteps for Fertility Foundation offers grants of either \$5,000 each or less, depending on the cost of required treatment or in-kind donated services from clinical partners. Grants are awarded by random selection following a 5K-race event. They also offer a national, awarded by random selection via social media. This is more of a raffle than a grant. Participants pay a race fee of around \$35 and an application fee of around \$30.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Race event applicants and national applicants must meet the definition of infertility as defined by SART. Race event applicants must register for the race and create a race team.

Hasidah

Hasidah is the voice of hope and compassion that raises awareness of infertility, connects people to support resources, and reduces financial barriers to treatment in the Jewish community.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Judaism must be the sole religion practiced in the home and applicants need to demonstrate a connection to Jewish life. Applicants must be U.S. residents, must demonstrate good physical and mental health and must have health insurance but not IVF coverage. Grants are for IVF and related services, ie, PGD, ICSI, medications, etc. Cigarette smokers are not accepted. BMI must be within the normal range.

INCIID IVF Scholarships

With this program, fertility doctors donate their services and facilities to couples in need of assistance. The program is designed to cover most of the basic IVF expenses. Donated treatments are provided. No cash is given to recipients.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. To be eligible, couples need to register with INCIID and be active members on their message boards or Facebook page. They are also required to actively fundraise for INCIID and must raise \$3,800 before being matched with a clinic, and donate \$55 or more annually with the INCIID community. Applicants need to provide proof of financial need and meet the medical criteria for infertility, have cancer, or have a genetic condition which causes infertility. Couples without children are preferred. Recipients must be willing to “go public” with their story via a video.

Application process

Every application is kept on file for two years. Selected applicants partner with INCIID and have a small fundraising requirement. The scholarships are reviewed every month with deadlines being the last working day of every month. More info at <http://inciid.org/node/158>

JFCS Fertility Fund: A Gift From the Heart

Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Greater Philadelphia (JFCS) has a fund to help individuals and families who are confronted with infertility and the financial burden of fertility treatments that are not covered by insurance.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must live in the greater Philadelphia area and have a diagnosis of infertility.

Journey to Parenthood

Journey to Parenthood helps couples and individuals dealing with infertility achieve their dreams of becoming parents by providing financial and emotional support along their journey, as well as to provide education and resources. Grants awarded are up to \$10,000. Grants cover IVF, IUI, egg donation, surrogacy, and adoption. Must provide proof of a stable home.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must be U.S. citizens residing in the U.S. and must be treated by a reproductive endocrinologist and infertility specialist (REI) in the United States. Applicants must demonstrate that they can provide a stable home environment and significant financial obstacles with building their family.

Kevin J. Lederer Life Foundation

The Kevin J. Lederer Life Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote health and alleviate mental and physical distress of individuals and couples diagnosed with infertility through education and financial assistance grants. The foundation offers Life Grants which can provide up to \$10,000 to cover the cost of assisted reproductive technology, adoption, or third party reproduction. Grants available for IVF, PGD, oncofertility, and transfertility

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must reside in Illinois, Indiana or Wisconsin and have a diagnosis of infertility certified by a medical provider, with the exception of applicants who are single, or part of a same-sex couple. Must be under 41 and have BMI <40.

New York State Infertility Demonstration Program (New York DOH IVF grants)

New York created a series of grants to reduce the cost of fertility treatments. This program works with New York fertility clinics signed up for this program, to defray the costs off treatment. Depending on household income, patients receive a discount of 2.5% to 97.5% off their treatment costs. Full information can be found here:

<https://www.genesisfertility.com/affording-treatment/financing-options/nys-grant/>

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must be residents of New York, between the ages of 21 and 44, have health insurance and be below a specific income threshold. Applicants must apply through their participating clinic. Genesis Fertility in Brooklyn is a participating clinic.

Parental Hope

Parental Hope is dedicated to raising awareness about infertility, providing emotional support to those battling infertility through support groups and providing financial support to couples battling infertility through the Parental Hope Family Grant.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. All grant recipients will receive treatment at the Institute of Reproductive Health in Cincinnati, Ohio. Applicants must a) have a medical diagnosis of infertility by a Reproductive Endocrinologist according to the American Society for Reproductive Medicine's definition of Infertility; or b) be a carrier of a genetic disease or chromosomal disorder that requires the use of Assisted Reproductive Technology ("ART") services for healthy offspring; or c) a Reproductive Endocrinologist has recommended ART services due to recurrent pregnancy loss. Applications for grants require a \$50 fee.

Partnership for Families

Partnership for Families gives couples experiencing infertility issues a second chance. The organization works to help those with a previous failed IVF attempt, genetic disease concern or cancer diagnosis.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Couples or individuals having undergone unsuccessful IVF treatment can apply. Others with a cancer diagnosis wishing to preserve their fertility can also benefit from these services. To see if you qualify for an IVF grant through this program, you can call UH fertility center at 216 285 5028 to receive assistance, or visit their webpage at: <http://www.uhhospitals.org/services/obgyn/uh-fertility-center/financing-options/partnership-for-families>

The Race to Parenthood 5K (The Road to Parenthood)

LGBTQ-friendly. A volunteer nonprofit organization which provides financial support to couples. Couples can apply to be a featured couple at a race. The window for scholarships is currently closed but will reopen in 2019.

The Sharing Hope Financial Assistance Program

This program is specific to individuals whose infertility is affected by cancer treatment. The program provides fertility preservation services to couples and offers assistance through various means, including egg and sperm banking, medical services and medications. Services like egg and embryo freezing are also available. Instead of providing IVF grants, the program works with clinics and companies to give discounted services and donated medications to selected applicants.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants need to show an annual income of less than \$75,000 if single. If married, then the annual income needs to be less than \$100,000. More information, applications, and a list of participating sperm banks are available at www.fertilehope.org, or by calling (888) 994-HOPE

Gay Parenting Assistance Program of Men Having Babies

Facilitates discounted or free services via 50 IVF programs. Application can be found here: <http://menhavingbabies.org/assistance/application1/>

Nest Egg Foundation

Grants can only be used to pay for In Vitro Fertilization only. This can include the IVF treatment cycle, embryo, egg or sperm cryopreservation, embryo testing and cycle medications. Please keep in mind the grant will cover up to \$10,000 of treatment. Applicants will be responsible for costs exceeding \$10,000. Grant funding can be used at one of the two Connecticut Centers of Excellence, the Center for Advanced Reproductive Services (CARS) and Reproductive Medicine Associates of Connecticut (RMACT).

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. New York and Connecticut residents only. No infertility diagnosis required for same-sex couples or individuals. Full requirements can be found here: <http://www.nesteggfoundation.org/apply>

Grants for Adoption

[The Family Formation Charitable Trust](#)

Family Formation Charitable Trust is a national 501(c)3 financial grant program that helps couples/individuals with the cost of their family building efforts – adoption or assisted reproductive technology efforts – by providing grants in the amount of \$500 to \$2000 directly to a family or to other 501(c)3 qualified organizations. The Family Formation Charitable Trust supports domestic, international and foster care adoptions, and all assisted reproductive technology efforts.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applications are open to individuals, or couples, seeking to build their family through adoption or assisted reproduction as well as 501(c)3 non-profit organizations that serve individuals seeking to build their family through adoption or assisted reproduction.

[Help Us Adopt.ORG](#)

HelpUsAdopt.org helps couples and individuals (regardless of race, religion, gender, ethnicity, marital status or sexual orientation) with the cost of their adoptions by awarding grants of up to \$15,000. Helpusadopt.org supports domestic, international and foster care adoptions.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must show financial records and provide a copy of their approved home study.

[National Adoption Foundation Financial Programs](#)

The National Adoption Foundation offers grants, ranging from \$500 to \$4,000, to families to help offset expenses directly associated with the adoption process and the formation of families.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must do a home study or have one in progress. The grant program is open to all legal adoptions including public or private agency adoptions, international, special needs or adoptions facilitated by an attorney.

Fertility Preservation Grants for Transgender Individuals

[Kevin J. Lederer Life Foundation](#)

The Life Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote health and alleviate mental and physical distress of individuals and couples diagnosed with infertility through education and financial assistance grants. The foundation offers Life Grants which can provide up to \$10,000 to cover the cost of assisted reproductive technology, adoption, or third party reproduction. Grants available for IVF, PGD, Oncofertility, Transfertility

Fertility Preservation Grants for Cancer

[Banking on the Future](#) (A Fertility Within Reach Grant Program)

Banking on the Future provides funds to cover the initial storage fees to preserve adolescent reproductive cells of cancer patients, prior to cancer treatment.

Eligibility

Adolescent oncology only. Patients must be post-pubertal and under 22 years of age, and must work with several partnered banking locations throughout the U.S. See application for partner bank listing. Cancer only.

[Fertile Action](#)

Fertile Action's Parenthood After Cancer Treatment Grant (PACT) provides financial support for female cancer survivors. It is not a cash award. It significantly reduces the cost of IVF, egg donation and surrogacy for cancer survivors through fertility specialists who have agreed to offer their services at a discount or donate their services to the grantee.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must be 18 years of age, and must provide a letter of medical necessity from a reproductive endocrinologist, and medical clearance letter from an oncologist.

LIVESTRONG Fertility Program

Livestrong Fertility offers financial assistance to couples in need of fertility preservation before undergoing treatment for cancer. Livestrong Fertility works with fertility clinics and companies to provide discounted treatment and medications. Eligible patients must make under \$75k single/ \$100k combined income, have an eligible cancer diagnosis and must not have already started fertility-reducing cancer treatments.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must have a single income under \$75,000 or household income under \$100,000. Applicants must also have a eligible cancer diagnosis and must not have already started fertility-reducing cancer treatments.

Team Maggie for a Cure

Team Maggie For A Cure's provides financial assistance up to \$2,500 to young women and men for the purpose of preserving eggs and sperm after a cancer diagnosis.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and between the ages of 15 and 38. Applicants must also have a cancer diagnosis, no insurance coverage and show a financial need.

Verna's Purse

The Verna's Purse program provides significantly discounted long-term storage fees for qualified patients storing or transferring cryopreserved reproductive tissue specimens to one of ReproTech's four facilities in Florida, Minnesota, Texas and Nevada.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and able to store cells in either a Florida, Minnesota, Texas or Nevada ReproTech facility. Applicants must have a single income under \$75,000 or household income under \$100,000. Applicants must also have a cancer diagnosis and show that prescribed treatment presents the risk of infertility as determine by an oncologist and reproductive endocrinologist.

Fertility Medication Grants & Discount Programs *(some specific to fertility preservation for cancer patients)*

Ferring Pharmaceuticals Heart Beat program

The Heart Beat program offers select fertility medications at no cost, no forms to fill out, and no financial requirements. Ferring Pharmaceuticals and Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy have developed the Heart Beat program to help ease some of the financial burden. For more information about Ferring's Heart Beat program, please call 888-347-3415. For residents of Arkansas, Massachusetts, or New Jersey, please call 877-252-0553.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Patients must be female, US citizen or permanent resident, have a diagnosis of cancer, have not undergone chemotherapy within the previous 6 months, and have an oncologist and reproductive endocrinologist have determined that fertility preservation treatment is medically appropriate.

Compassionate Care

The Compassionate Care program is offered by EMD Serono. Their patient assistance program is designed to provide savings on EMD Serono fertility medications. Patients who demonstrate financial need and have a valid prescription may qualify for 50% to 75% off the self-pay price of EMD Serono fertility medications or \$10 off per unit after completing a mail-in rebate.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Based on qualifying annual household gross income and first-time participation in the program.

First Steps Program

The First Steps program is available to cash-paying patients who qualify based on income or hardship cases. Patients may receive up to 75% off their prescription purchase price. Everyone who applies receives some level of discount: the greater the need, the larger the discount.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Discounts for specific medications only: Follstim, Ganirelix, and Pregnyl at participating DesignRx pharmacies. Applicants must show income verification.

Discounted Services for Active Duty Military & Veterans

Many fertility clinics are proud to support our active duty military and veterans by providing a special discount on fertility treatment. Ask your clinic if they offer a discount for their services.

Compassionate Corps Program

The Compassionate Corps program provides free fertility medication for veterans or the spouse of a veteran who is suffering from infertility because of a service-related injury.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must be a retired member of the military or the spouse of one. The veteran or spouse must be infertile due to service-related injuries, not privately or publicly insured for infertility medications, medically retired and have been diagnosed by a physician as infertile and requiring IVF/ART.

Heart for Heroes

Heart for Heroes is a program run by Ferring Pharmaceuticals. It provides select fertility products through MDR Pharmaceutical Care to eligible infertile veterans and their spouses at no cost.

Eligibility

LGBTQ-friendly. Applicants must be medically separated from active duty, Department of Defense Category 2 or 3 veteran, have incurred a service-related injury resulting in infertility, requiring assisted reproduction. Applicant must be a resident of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia, be a patient and/or spouse and have no insurance coverage for IVF medication. Applicant's physician must certify the veteran's eligibility on the medication order form and send it to MDR.