

Food Assistance Programs in Florida

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

- Federal assistance program that provides low income or no-income individuals/households with a monthly stipend to purchase food products at grocery and convenience stores, some farmers' markets and co-op food programs
- Mostly known as "Food Stamps"
- Benefits are given on a plastic card called an **EBT** (electronic benefits transfer) card
- Is a federal entitlement program.
-> Anyone who is eligible will receive benefits.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap>



- If you are on Supplemental Security Income (SSI), you may switch to the **SUNCAP-Program** which is a Special Food Assistance Program for people who receive SSI.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Is a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues:

- It is designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people, who have little or no income
- It provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter.

<https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/>



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Need Financial Assistance?



Foundations and Food Assistance Programs

*Possible assistance which
could make your life easier*

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Foundations for patients and families in need

This brochure shows an overview about the various foundations for financial assistance which are available regarding Cystic Fibrosis in specific and to chronic diseases in general.

Financial assistance with rent, utilities and other basic needs

- Claire's Place Foundation – Extended Hospital Stay Fund/ Life Support-Program (*CF-specific*) => only for expenses related to hospital stays
 - <http://clairesplacefoundation.org/>
- First Hand Foundation (*chronic diseases-specific*)
 - <https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/>

Financial assistance in general

- The Cystic Dream Fund (*CF-specific*)
 - <http://www.cysticdreamsfund.com/>
- The Bonnell Foundation (*CF-specific*)
 - <http://thebonnellfoundation.org/>
- Christ's Starfish Foundation (*chronic diseases-specific*)
 - <http://www.christstarfish.org/>

Financial assistance with copays for treatments and equipment

- The Cystic Dream Fund (*CF-specific*)
 - <http://www.cysticdreamsfund.com/>
- The HealthWell Foundation - Pediatric Assistance Fund (*chronic diseases-specific*)
 - <http://www.healthwellfoundation.org/>
- The Assistance Fund - Copay Assistance Program (*Program related diseases = includes CF*)
 - <https://theassistancefund.org/>
- Patient Services, Inc. - Copayment Program (*Program related diseases = includes CF*)
 - <http://www.patientservicesinc.org/>



Financial assistance with treatment and equipment

- First Hand Foundation (*chronic diseases-specific*)
 - <https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/>
- United Healthcare Children's Foundation (*chronic diseases-specific*) => for people with private insurance only
 - <http://www.uhccf.org/>
- The Lindsay Foundation (*chronic diseases-specific*)
 - <https://www.lindsayfoundation.org/>

Financial assistance for costs related to lung transplants

- The Cystic Dream Fund (*CF-specific*)
 - <http://www.cysticdreamsfund.com/>
- The Bonnell Foundation (*CF-specific*)
 - <http://thebonnellfoundation.org/>
- Boomer Esiason Foundation (*CF-specific*)
 - <https://www.esiason.org/thriving-with-cf/transplant-grants>