



## Capital Region Special Surgery – Race for Hope Fund of The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region

### Mission

The major goal of the *Capital Region Special Surgery – Race for Hope Fund* is to make grants to nonprofit organizations/programs serving uninsured and underinsured patients living in the Capital Region who are experiencing a financial hardship related to a brain, head or neck cancer diagnosis. The grants committee would like to see the funds used for people living with and affected by their brain, head, or neck cancer diagnosis.

Applications are due on February 22, 2017. Grant requests from this fund should not exceed \$10,000.

### Eligibility

A grant may be made:

- To either new or established organizations.
- For program costs.
- To organizations within 12 counties (Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, Washington).
- To organizations/programs assisting patients who are experiencing a financial hardship related to their cancer diagnosis. This may include assistance with the following: medication co-pays, nutritional supplements, enteral feeding products and/or grocery and gas gift cards for general expenses that are posing a hardship for patients and their families.
- To organizations/programs assisting with larger one-time expenses related to patients' cancer diagnoses, such as outside physician/dental expenses, respite care and/or patient-specific equipment.

Special attention will be given to:

- New and/or innovative programs.
- Cooperative efforts among several organizations.
- Sharing in multiple source funding (private and/or public).
- Applicants demonstrating the importance of the Race for Hope Fund grants to any overall program.

Grants will **not** be made:

- Unless the organization qualifies under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
- For a program that the Community Foundation will have to operate.
- To an individual; however, a grant may be made to an organization which supports the work of an individual.
- To finance an operating deficit of a program or organization, or to offset cumulative deficits of prior years.
- For scholarship or fellowships.
- For capital campaigns, building campaigns or for equipment to be used only in a hospital setting.

### Questions regarding the grant review process should be directed to:

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