

The Heart & Lung Transplant Foundation WA Inc will offer Personal Financial Assistance (Emergency Only) to those patients that are experiencing financial hardship, offering emergency relief when all other avenues have been exhausted. The following criteria exist for such cases:

Criteria for Personal Financial Assistance (Emergency)

Purpose

To help relieve the financial hardship experienced by patients pre and post transplantation. The purpose of the fund is to provide emergency relief, which will assist in providing assistance in the area of transport, accommodation, utilities and vital medication.

Procedure

An application form should be completed in full and submitted to the address given, advising of the reason for payment.

The form should include the signature of the patient and a relevant medical professional, who can vouch for the patient's medical condition. All amounts will be paid by cheque, to the patient only.

Policy

The Personal Financial Assistance fund is used to grant money to patients who meet the following criteria:

The patient must be able to provide proof of heart &/or lung disease, or be on the waiting list for heart &/or lung transplantation or have undergone heart &/or lung transplantation.

The patient's financial situation must be associated with their medical problems or hospitalisation.

The patient must be receiving a government benefit or pension and experiencing financial hardship.

The patient must reside in Western Australia.

The patient must complete an application form, which must be co- signed by a member of the medical profession.

Pre existing resources must be utilised and exhausted before financial assistance can be given.

Please Note

There is a maximum limit per year that a person may seek. However this does not mean that a person is eligible to receive the full amount each time.

All payments will be made by cheque to the patient only.

The financial resources are limited and subject to funds being available.

All applications will be considered.

Financial assistance will be limited to the following areas:

- * Accommodation
- * Transport
- * Utilities
- * Vital medication