### **IVF Financial Resources**

While there is there is nothing specific for cystic fibrosis that we are aware of, here are a few foundations that offer grants to afford IVF treatments:

### **B.U.M.P.S. - IVF Grant**

<u>Bringing U Maternal Paternal Success (B.U.M.P.S.)</u> is a non-profit organization in Florida that assists couples who have difficulty conceiving by providing grants for them to receive fertility treatments.

<u>Eligibility</u>: Applicants must meet the definition of infertility as defined by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, be under the age of 44 if they are using their own eggs, demonstrate good overall mental and physical health, have adequate living arrangements, and have a health insurance plan that can cover prenatal health. Applications are accepted annually, from January 1-July 31.

<u>Application Process:</u> Selection is based on nature of circumstances, fertility history, and financial situation.

#### The Cade Foundation - IVF Grant

Since 2004, the <u>Cade Foundation</u> has helped couples by providing grants to those struggling with infertility. The grant, which has a limit of \$10,000 per family, helps couples pay for fertility treatment costs associated with <u>fertility treatments</u> or <u>domestic adoption</u>.

<u>Eligibility</u>: In order to be eligible, applicants must have documented infertility, be legal, permanent residents of the United States, and submit the grant application with the \$50 processing fee.

<u>Application Process</u>: The two-part application must also include a detailed plan on how the applicants will contribute financially to their fertility treatments. Completed applications are due on June 15.

#### **Fertile Dreams Organization - IVF Grant**

Based in Florida, the Fertile Dreams organization gives out the annual Embracing Hope Grant, which Vivere Health helps sponsor, to couples throughout the United States who must undergo <u>IVF treatments</u> in order to conceive. Each year, the organization awards three couples grants of \$10,000 each towards IVF costs at any fertility clinic in the United States.

<u>Eligibility:</u> Couples are eligible if they have health insurance, but do not have a plan that covers fertility treatment costs.

<u>Application Process</u>: Along with completing the application, couples must also provide written description of fertility history, a letter from a doctor or fertility specialist, proof of income with

pay stubs and tax returns, and consent for the organization to share their story with media personnel.

# **Sparkles of Life - IVF Grant**

Sparkles of Life, Inc., is a Texas-based non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families on their paths to parenthood, including educating and supporting women through the IVF process. The organization's Vivere-Garden of Life Grant will help cover the costs of IVF for five couples each year.

<u>Eligibility:</u> The Garden of Life Grant is awarded to couples who demonstrate a documented need for fertility treatment.

<u>Application Process</u>: Each couple applying must submit the following materials: a completed application form, a statement of need (letter, no longer than 500 words, detailing your family building journey and explaining why you deserve to be awarded the Sparkles' Garden of Life Grant; current financial records (submit your W2 form from the last two years to verify employment and income), and a \$100 application fee.

# **INCIID IVF Scholarships**

Each year, the <u>InterNational Council on Infertility Information Dissemination</u> offers a national scholarship program designed to help couples who cannot afford IVF fertility treatments on their own. With this program, <u>fertility doctors</u> from respected fertility clinics from across the United States donate their state-of-the art facilities and services to needy couples. The program covers most of the basic <u>IVF costs</u>.

<u>Eligibility:</u> Before couples can become eligible, they must register with the INCIID community and donate at an annual rate of \$55 or more. Applicants must meet the criteria for infertility as defined by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, and must demonstrate financial need. While some kind of medical coverage is preferable, it cannot cover IVF treatment.

<u>Application Process</u>: Each application is kept on file for two years. Those selected to receive the donated treatment partner with INCIID and have a small fundraising requirement. Scholarships are reviewed monthly. Deadlines are the last working day of each month.

# **Other IVF Resources to look into:**

**Baby Quest Foundation Grants** 

**The JFCS Fertility Fund Grants** 

**Nest Egg Foundation Grant** 

**The Parental Hope Grant** 

# Pay It Forward Fertility Foundation Fertility Grant

# **Starfish Infertility Foundation**

# **General CF-Related Resources**

#### **Compass**

CF Foundation Compass is a personalized service to help you with the insurance, financial, legal and other issues you are facing. It's free, confidential and available to everyone. Contact Compass at 844-COMPASS (266-7277) or compass@cff.org, or learn more at cff.org/compass.

#### <u>HealthWell</u>

The HealthWell Foundation provides financial assistance to eligible individuals to help cover copayments for certain medications and therapies. If you've been prescribed a medication and your insurance company covers it, but you still cannot afford the copayment required, they may be able to assist by paying for all or part of your costs associated with the medication. HealthWell bases eligibility on an individual's medical, financial and insurance situation and the maximum annual award is \$15,000. To find out if you are eligible, visit <a href="http://healthwellfoundation.org/eligibility">http://healthwellfoundation.org/eligibility</a>. To apply online, visit <a href="http://http://healthwellfoundation.org/patients/apply">http://healthwellfoundation.org/patients/apply</a>.