



# Brave of Heart Fund

## Quick Guide

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The Brave of Heart Fund provides monetary grants to eligible family members of frontline healthcare workers, healthcare volunteers, and healthcare support staff who have lost their lives because of COVID-19. The Fund also offers behavioral and emotional support services from Cigna and grief coping resources from New York Life.

Established by the foundations of New York Life and Cigna, the Brave of Heart Fund is owned and administered by E4E Relief, a disaster relief-focused subsidiary of Foundation For The Carolinas, a Section 501(c)(3) public charity.

### Eligible Healthcare Workers

For the purpose of the Brave of Heart Fund, an eligible healthcare worker is a person who lived in the U.S. at time of death and who worked or volunteered in or for a:

- Licensed hospital
- Nursing home
- Triage center
- Medical center or clinic
- Medical transport vehicle
- Other licensed medical facility, provider, or setting

Also those who worked or volunteered as an emergency medical technician, ambulance technician, or paramedic and who died from COVID-19-related causes any time through December 31, 2021.

### Grants Description

There are two phases of grants available. Eligible expenses vary based upon which grant phase the eligible family member is applying for. Eligible family members for Phase 1 grants include a spouse or domestic partner, child, parent, grandparent, or sibling. Eligible family members for Phase 2 grants include a spouse or domestic partner, dependent child, or dependent parent. You may be eligible for both a Phase 1 and Phase 2 grant.

#### PHASE 1 GRANT

Phase 1 assistance is intended to cover expenses related to funeral and burial costs.

The family member who is eligible for a Phase 1 grant is the family member who is responsible for the funeral/burial expenses. Only one family member is eligible for a Phase 1 grant.

Phase 1 grants are \$15,000. Only one Phase 1 grant is available in connection with each eligible healthcare worker or healthcare volunteer.

#### PHASE 2 GRANT

Phase 2 assistance is intended to cover long-term expenses such as food, clothing, housing, basic essential utilities, daycare/childcare expenses, educational expenses, counseling, medical expenses for deceased healthcare worker, and transportation.

The family member(s) who is eligible for a Phase 2 grant is the family member(s) who was dependent on the deceased healthcare worker's income for those expenses.

Phase 2 grants range up to \$60,000 per eligible healthcare worker. The exact amount will depend on a variety of factors, including the applicant's demonstration of financial need and the number of eligible beneficiaries.

### The Applicant Process



For answers to frequently asked questions, including questions about eligibility, visit [braveofheartfund.com/FAQs](https://braveofheartfund.com/FAQs). Grant awards are discretionary and the final determination of grant eligibility and amounts will be made by E4E Relief, which is the public charity that owns and administers the Fund.

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