

United Way of Davie County - Application

1. Applicant Name
Tara O'Brien
2. Email
tara@cancerservicesonline.org
Agency Name for Cover Letter
Cancer Services, Inc.
B. Funding Request Summary: (1) Program Name
Patient Advocacy, Financial & Physical Support
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Cancer Services provides comprehensive financial, physical and social support to individuals facing any type of cancer. We strive to insure health equity and access to care to all individuals facing cancer while also reducing the financial toxicity related to the cost of cancer treatment; providing peer support and trending survivorship needs; and insuring access to critical physical support items.
B. Funding Request Summary: (2) Funding Request
7,500
C. Community Need for Program: (1) Focus Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Stability• Health
C. Community Need for Program: (2) Addressing Focus Area(s)

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Health: Accessing care, support and resources to secure treatment support and medications after a diagnosis is a huge issue for families facing cancer whether they have insurance or not. One in two men and 1 in 3 women will be diagnosed with cancer. Moreover, minorities and low income individuals are often diagnosed later and experience higher mortality rates. We are trying to address these concerns in order to insure health equity, decrease mortality of cancer, increase survivorship and increase quality of life of our community's residents. Our target population is two-fold. We are here to assist anyone with any type of cancer throughout their cancer journey. With accessing care we are here to insure all individuals have access to essential treatment medications and supplies regardless of income or health insurance coverage. We rely on a team of 7 patient advocates, two of which work within the cancer centers for ease of access for patients.

Financial Stability: With cancer treatment medications, the costs are extraordinary. We are here to insure that regardless of financial resources, cancer survivors have access to critical treatment. We first try to help patients understand their resources and help in accessing the care they need. With financial assistance, we will assist in securing any programs clients require as many pharmaceutical and copay assistance organizations will help patients up to a 500% Federal Poverty Guideline given the tremendous costs of treatment, even with insurance. We also provide direct financial assistance for clients under a 200% FPG to help bridge the gap for our most financially vulnerable clients. Our program will insure a more comprehensive level of financial support for our patients in active cancer treatment. Individuals with cancer are three times more likely to file for bankruptcy than those without and the needs for those facing cancer that were already living paycheck to paycheck and are the sole income can be devastating, for years after completing treatment. Our comprehensive support is meant to lessen the financial impact of a cancer diagnosis and help create financial stability during and after treatment. With our physical and emotional support, we provide medical supplies and equipment, peer support, transportation, nutrition education, and client-centered wellness programming. All of these help impact both quantity and quality of life.

D. Program Plan & Measurement: (1) Program Costs

We rely on a wide range of resources, such as: Staff, volunteers, office/meeting space, home health equipment & supplies, United Way funding, grant funding & contributions, and in-kind resources & services from patient assistance programs. In 2021 we secured in-kind resources totaling \$2,349,479 for client financial and treatment support needs. Twelve volunteers worked 321 hours to assist us. Per the Independent Sector, valuing volunteer service at \$28.54/hr, this is a value of \$9,161! Additionally, our main office space and our offices in both cancer centers are provided at no charge, equating to more resources utilized for direct services rather than overhead.

D. Program Plan & Measurement: (2) Program Methodology

Cancer Services: 1) Provides on-site & telephone support, information, guidance & peer contact; 2) Conducts financial assistance interviews to determine eligibility, identify patient assistance programs & resources, and establish client benefits for assistance with medication & cancer-related supplies; 3) Distributes home health equipment and supplies to address needs throughout a cancer diagnosis; 4) Provides wellness groups, conferences & programs to address cancer treatment and recovery issues to individuals with any type of cancer; 5) Presents targeted educational programs throughout the community to increase cancer awareness, reduce cancer risk and promote early detection and screenings.

E. Service Demographics

- [ff-d8785b5192205c276f6076a2a66af2f9-ff-2021-Davie-County-Service-Demographics.pdf](#)

F. UWDC Campaign Support: (3) Website

- Yes

F. UWDC Campaign Support: (3a) UWDC Website Affiliation


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https://cancerservicesonline.org/ (At the bottom of our home page)
F. UWDC Campaign Support: (3) Website
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes
G. UWDC Direct Program Support: (1) 211
Yes
H. Financial Accountability: (1) Program Budget Form
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ff-125e0daec673f92530471b196702591c-ff-2022-CSI-Program-Budget-Form.xlsx
H. Financial Accountability: (2) Budget Time Frame
Calendar Year, January to December
H. Financial Accountability: (3) Profit & Loss Form
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes
H. Financial Accountability: (4) Agency Budget
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes
H. Financial Accountability: (5) NC Solicitation License
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes
H. Financial Accountability: (6) Form 990
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes
I. Agency Organization: (1) Agency By-Laws
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes
I. Agency Organization: (2) Board
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ff-86e99725f8d4f67961a099e2a7bafc05-ff-Board-of-Directors-2021-2022.pdf
I. Agency Organization: (3) Budget Size

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More than \$200,000
I. Agency Organization: (4) Agency Financial Report
• Yes
K. Volunteers: (1) Number
12
K. Volunteers: (2) Hours
321
K. Volunteers: (3) Background checks
No
K. Volunteers: (3a) Background Explained
We do not perform volunteer background checks. We reviewed this possibility at the Board level and determined that at this time it is unnecessary for our volunteer positions. We also believe our internal controls, specifically limiting access to information, and staff involvement with volunteers limit opportunity for individuals to negatively affect the agency.
L. Memorandum of Agreement: (1) Both Agree to
Yes
L. Memorandum of Agreement: (2) Agency Agrees to
Yes
L. Memorandum of Agreement: (3) UWDC Agrees to
Yes
L. Memorandum of Agreement: (4) Failure to Comply
Yes
L. Memorandum of Agreement: (5) Anti-Terrorism Compliance
Yes
L. Memorandum of Agreement: (6) Termination

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Yes
Name
Tara O'Brien
Executive Director Signature




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