

# Sickle Cell Disease Fertility Preservation Grant

For individuals living with sickle cell disease (SCD), transplant is the only established curative treatment. As part of the transplant process, SCD warriors undergo a conditioning regimen that can impact fertility. Insurance providers often do not cover costs related to fertility preservation and there is extremely limited funding available to individuals with sickle cell disease.

With funding generously provided by the Be The Match Foundation®, the National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP)/Be The Match® and their partner Sickle Cell Health Reproductive Education Directive (SCRED) can provide financial help for SCD warriors who want the opportunity to build their own families post-transplant.

## Eligibility requirements

- Diagnosis of sickle cell disease
- Warrior is pre-transplant and has a preliminary search through the NMDP/Be The Match
- Transplant team has identified a donor or cord for collection
- Household monthly net (take-home) income does not exceed 350% of the federal poverty line
- Transplant center team submits application affirming patient's eligibility and need
- Fertility clinic consultation complete

## Grant coverage inclusions

- Oocyte retrieval and cryopreservation
- Embryo culture, fertilization and cryopreservation
- Ovarian tissue freezing (pediatric)
- Semen analysis and freezing (sperm banking)
- Testicular cryopreservation
- Storage fees
- Medications

## Grant specifics

- The Sickle Cell Disease Fertility Preservation Grant can give a limited number of qualified patients a grant of up to \$10,000 to help towards preserving fertility prior to transplant
- All funds will be issued to medical providers (fertility clinics)
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis
- To apply, please reach out to Be The Match Patient Financial Assistance:

**Email:** [patientgrants@nmdp.org](mailto:patientgrants@nmdp.org)  
**Phone:** (763) 406-8114

### Poverty Guidelines

Patient's monthly (take home) household income must not exceed 350% of the federal poverty line

Persons in Household	Monthly (Take Home) Household Income 48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Monthly (Take Home) Household Income Alaska	Monthly (Take Home) Household Income Hawaii
1	\$3,757	\$4,693	\$4,323
2	\$5,081	\$6,350	\$5,845
3	\$6,405	\$8,006	\$7,368
4	\$7,729	\$9,663	\$8,890
5	\$9,053	\$11,320	\$10,413
6	\$10,378	\$12,976	\$11,935
7	\$11,702	\$14,633	\$13,458
8	\$13,026	\$16,290	\$14,980