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## Living Organ Donor Expense Reimbursement Program Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What does the program aim to achieve?

The program aims to remove financial barriers to living organ donation thereby potentially increasing the number of transplants in BC and increasing the quality of life for transplant recipients.

### 2. Who is eligible for funding in this program?

Funding will be considered for individuals who provide a kidney or partial liver to a BC resident (who must be covered by the BC Medical Services Plan), only after all other potential sources of financial support have been exhausted.

### 3. Can the living organ donor come from outside of BC?

Yes, living organ donors, who have been pre-screened to the final assessment stage may come from across Canada or anywhere else in the world.

### 4. When will funding be available?

Funding is available immediately for pre-approved expenses. Retroactive expenses will not be covered. Expenses must be pre-approved by The Kidney Foundation of Canada, BC Branch.

### 5. How does someone apply for funding?

Funding applications are processed through the transplant programs at BC's three transplant centres – St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver General Hospital, and BC's Children's Hospital. Applications will be reviewed and approved by The Kidney Foundation of Canada, BC Branch.

### 6. How will funds be provided to living organ donors?

The Kidney Foundation of Canada, BC Branch will manage this program overseeing the application process and providing reimbursement to approved applicants. Receipts and completed Expense Forms are required for reimbursement.

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### 7. What expenses will be covered?

Financial support will be available to living organ donors for reasonable travel, accommodations and meals following transplant surgery. For individuals who must be off work during their recovery period, a small loss of income subsidy may be available. In addition, this program may provide funding for travel at the final stage of the donor assessment process.

Criteria and maximum limits are in place to ensure efficient use of the LODERP funds. In general, the following expenses, when pre-approved by KFOC-BC will be considered for reimbursement.

**Travel:** Up to \$1500.00 per transplant

**Post-surgery expenses:**

**Accommodation:** Up to seven nights hotel accommodation at a maximum of \$125. per night

**Parking:** Up to ten days at a maximum of \$12.00 per day

**Meals:** \$25.00 per day post surgery for up to seven days

**Loss of Income Subsidy** is only provided when all other sources of funding have been exhausted, ie. sick or holiday time, paid leave of absence, Employment Insurance, short-term disability, etc. A maximum of 50% of the living organ donor's weekly net income to a maximum of \$350.00 per week will be considered. Income and benefit verification by the living organ donor's employer is required. Loss of income will not be provided for out-of-country donors or those who cannot provide income verification or have other sources of funding.

### 8. Who do I contact for more information?

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