



In 2009, we expect to allocate an estimated \$2 million in grant funding as follows: Early Detections/Education; Patient Assistance/Treatment Support; Patient Navigation.

- 1. Early detection/Education:** 70% of our grant funding will support projects in this area as it is clear that breast cancers that are detected early are much more curable than those detected late. Programs of the following types encompass this target area:
  - Delivery of screening and diagnostic mammography services.
  - Outreach programs that facilitate access to breast cancer screening.
  - Education focused on the importance of breast cancer screening and early detection.
  
- 2. Patient Assistance/Treatment Support:** 15% of our grant funding will support projects in this area since ensuring that patients have the financial resources and support to get the best available breast cancer treatments is critical to improving breast cancer survival rates. Programs of the following types encompass this target area:
  - “Safety net” funding for low-income breast cancer patients. This funding will provide financial assistance for the following: rent/mortgage; prescriptions for medications not available through pharmaceutical assistance funds; transportation; utilities; food and nutritional supplements; medical supplies such as lymphedema sleeves, dressings, etc.; COBRA insurance premiums; childcare; personal hygiene/specialty clothing items; dental care needed prior to chemotherapy.
  - Culturally-appropriate treatment support services which include, but are not limited to, the following: support groups, classes, and resources relevant to breast cancer patients and survivors.
  
- 3. Patient Navigation:** 15% of our grant funding will support projects in this area as it is clear that culturally appropriate patient navigation reduces disparities in breast cancer outcomes among medically underserved women. Programs in this target area must provide the following:
  - Culturally appropriate one-on-one patient navigation programs that aid breast cancer patients in accessing and understanding the medical system and help to insure that they receive the best treatment possible.