

LIVESTRONG Solution Grants for a Better Today – Focus Area and Funding Priorities

Post-treatment Care

LIVESTRONG is seeking applications that offer solutions that improve cancer survivors, caregivers, and loved ones lives after treatment.

When a patient completes cancer treatment, it is important to acknowledge that their past will ultimately affect their future. Our research indicates that the majority of cancer survivors report having at least one emotional, physical, or practical concern after treatment. Efforts to increase the availability of survivorship care are extremely important to improve the chances of people affected by cancer living as well as possible in the post-treatment period.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Exercise and nutrition interventions to prevent recurrence and promote health
- Side effects management
- Legal resources programming
- Surveillance tools
- Employment resources
- Emotional support resources
- Cosmetic/Reconstruction resources

Patient and Caregiver Education

LIVESTRONG is seeking applications to enhance patient and caregiver education across the cancer continuum of care.

When patients receive a cancer diagnosis, they receive an overwhelming amount of information. Some patients receive too much information, and others do not get the specific information they need. We want to help people affected by cancer get clarity about what lies ahead, fuel them with the information they need to make educated decisions, and help them establish healthy relationships with their healthcare providers and loved ones.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Discussion maps for when and how to introduce information
- Cancer side effects education
- Tools to explain treatment options
- Health literacy interventions, tools to gauge patients' literacy levels
- Support services
- Plain language trainings for providers
- Caregiver education tools or services
- Patient education in patient's preferred language
- Culturally competent patient education material
- Educational tools for families affected by cancer

Comprehensive Quality of Life Services

LIVESTRONG is seeking applications to address people's practical needs and enhance their overall well-being as a cancer survivor. Projects proposed should go beyond cancer treatment, and address the needs of the whole person.

Cancer care delivery has been impacted by the growing number of cancer survivors, the increased stress on healthcare providers and the increasing cost of general medicine. With a fragmented system, there is a need to provide coordinated, comprehensive, and personal care to cancer survivors. We seek solutions that address a survivor's individual, unique needs and that activate at the point of need, not just the point of care.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Practical needs planning; screening tools to learn of personal needs
- Patient Functioning assessments
- Social emotional counseling services
- Integrative wellness programs; exercise/nutrition/complementary medicine
- New solutions to combat cancer financial toxicities
- New solutions to address palliative care
- New solutions to address end of life care

Streamlining Systems and Care

With an emphasis on delivering safe and quality services, LIVESTRONG is seeking applications that use person-based approaches to optimize the balance between healthcare users, health care providers, policies, procedures, and technologies.

In the face of an ever-increasing array of treatment options and the growing population of people living with cancer, we need to find better ways of allocating resources to focus on what can make the greatest difference for patients. As we move towards personalized medicine, coordination of cancer care will be essential in streamlining the treatment process. Improving efficiency and investing in innovation should be considered in tandem, with the common thread being improving outcomes for patients.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Technology and or planning structures to reduce hospital visits and referrals
- Assessment and delivery of practical resources support at the point of diagnosis
- Translation services for non-English speakers
- Providing services in patient's primary language
- Leveraging patient reported outcomes to streamline processes
- Multidisciplinary team implementation
- Complimentary solutions to advance and improve care teams