Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982 that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and launched the global breast cancer movement. Today, Komen for the Cure is the world’s largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. Thanks to events like the Komen Race for the Cure®, we have invested more than $1.9 billion to fulfill our promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world. For more information about Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, breast health or breast cancer visit [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org).

Susan G. Komen for the Cure® is partnering with domestic U.S. and international nonprofit organizations in communities worldwide to implement innovative programs aimed at increasing breast cancer awareness, education, screening, and quality access to care. Through global outreach grants Komen for the Cure aims to strengthen organizations and networks and replicate successful programs that can be implemented on a larger scale. To date, Komen awarded more than $11 million for global community health programs.

**Purpose of Grant**

Komen is working to reduce rates of late stage diagnosis and breast cancer mortality with an emphasis on eliminating breast cancer disparities.

The objective of this request for applications is to solicit proposals for a Bahamas breast cancer consortium of two or more separate institutions (may not be branches of the same parent institution) collaborating on one project that addresses at least two of these focus areas: provider education, public education, and access to care and/or patient navigation. The lead organization may request a maximum of $50,000 for one year. Letters of support from all consortium member organizations must outline partner’s roles and responsibilities, project goals and deliverables, financial agreement, and data tracking and reporting responsibilities to be submitted in addition to the grant application. Continuation funding after the initial grant term is not guaranteed.

Through the generous support of Ms. Tina Lewis, one grant will be made to support a highly collaborative breast cancer program in the Bahamas that addresses the priorities outlined below. Collaborating partners must represent the full continuum to care from referral to diagnosis to treatment and survivorship.

**The Continuum of Care**

The continuum of care refers to the delivery of health care over a period of time. In patients with a disease, this covers all phases of illness from diagnosis to the end of life (Source: National Cancer Institute at the U.S. National Institute of Health).
For patients with breast cancer, the continuum of care includes: screening, diagnosis, treatment, and follow up (survivorship/end of life care). Applicants are encouraged to build a consortium of partners that work across the breast cancer continuum of care to streamline processes, improve handoffs, and reduce loss to follow up.

**Focus**

**Priority I - Provider Education**
Increase provider cultural competency, understanding of breast cancer screening recommendations, and knowledge of various referral processes to better navigate their patients through the continuum of care. Preference will be given to programs that can demonstrate provider behavior change that leads to increased referral rates and screening rates within an organization’s patient population. Providers can include physicians, nurses, office staff, community health workers, and/or volunteers who work with patients and can improve patient care.

**Example:** Training for office staff and health care providers to streamline and improve the screening referral process.

**Priority II - Public Education**
Implement breast cancer education programs to include tailored messages, understanding of the disease, and survivorship as well as ensuring that the program is culturally competent. All education programs must demonstrate how their activities will lead to action, such as participants obtaining regular mammograms.

**Example:** Culturally-tailored education and outreach project that directly links individuals to breast health services and follow-up.
**Priority III- Access to Care and/or Patient Navigation**

Programs under this priority aim to remove access barriers to existing breast health services throughout the continuum of care, increase knowledge of the healthcare system, and support the navigation of the healthcare system and community resources.

**Examples:**
- Partnership with organizations (faith based, nonprofit, transportation system) to develop and pilot a program that addresses transportation barriers by providing rides, gas cards or vouchers to the community.
- Identification of a successful navigation / lay health advisor program and piloting aspects of it in your own community to link women to breast health care services across the continuum of care and reduce loss to follow up for women who require additional diagnostic or treatment services.

**Program Requirements**

**Key Dates**

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**Eligibility**

Applicants must be a registered community-based non-governmental and non-profit organization. Individuals and for profit companies are not eligible for funding.

**Educational Materials and Messages**

Susan G. Komen for the Cure® is a source of information about breast cancer for people all over the world. To reduce confusion and reinforce learning, we require that grantees provide educational messages and materials that are consistent with those promoted by Komen for the Cure, including promoting the message of breast self-awareness and knowing your risks for breast cancer. Education programs promoting monthly breast-self examination will not be funded. Please visit the following website or see the attached Breast Self Awareness brochure before completing your application and be sure that your organization can agree to promote these messages: [ww5.komen.org/BreastCancer/BreastSelfAwareness.html](http://ww5.komen.org/BreastCancer/BreastSelfAwareness.html)

Komen for the Cure grantees are eligible to receive preferred pricing for Komen educational materials. Komen for the Cure materials should be used and displayed whenever possible. To view our educational materials, visit [http://www.shopkomen.com/](http://www.shopkomen.com/)
Funding

The objective of this RFA is to solicit proposals for a Bahamas breast cancer consortium of two or more institutions (may not be branches of the same parent institution) collaborating on one project that addresses the full continuum of care. The lead organization may request a maximum of $50,000 for one year. Letters of support from all consortium member organizations must be submitted in addition to the grant application. Continuation funding after the initial grant term is not guaranteed.

Restrictions on Funding of Global Community Grants

Global community grants will not cover the following:

- Capital campaigns/expenses including start-up infrastructure
- Fund-raising events
- Organizational memberships
- Micro-loans
- Research projects
- Indirect costs over 10%

Medical research programs are managed through a separate process (see Komen research grants guidelines for these types of programs).

Review Process

The grants review committee will render final decisions on all requests for funding. Individual committee members cannot make commitments on behalf of the organization. Applicants will be notified by email following the review process. If the committee approves the application, Komen will issue a letter of agreement that outlines payment terms, reporting guidelines, and acknowledgement standards.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Feasibility of proposed project
- Responsiveness to local or regional need for services to be provided
- Potential for impact in the targeted area
- Capacity of the organization and program staff to implement the proposed program effectively
- Collaboration among organizations with similar or complementary goals through the continuum of care
- Innovation of proposed project design
- Program evaluation to track program progress through process and outcome measures
- Sustainability of proposed activities
Additional consideration will be given to projects most able to leverage other funding, including cash from the private sector or other matching funding in the form of cash.

Other factors to be considered in awarding grants will include geographic diversity, variety in type(s) of organizations and projects funded, and the availability of matching funds or in-kind funds provided by the applicant. Inability to provide matching funds will not preclude an organization from being awarded a grant.

Submission Process

Please send one (1) copy of all required materials to international@komen.org as specified in the 2012 Request for Applications Bahamas.

Grant Application Requirements

Please submit the following documents:

- 2012 Grant Application Bahamas Narrative
- 2012 Grant Application Bahamas Budget
- Letter(s) of support from consortium member organizations