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Dear all,

Our Patient Care Funds are ready for use!!! As you know, funds are available for housestaff use at both UCSF and SFGH to make the patient experience better at each hospital. The allocation of resources and application processes are different at each hospital, but the premise remains the same -- use your imagination and knowledge of our health-care delivery system to make positive changes for your patients.

The SFGH fund is a pool exceeding \$100,000, allocated towards the purchase of items that contribute to "Patient Care" at San Francisco General Hospital. This money was earmarked towards this purpose years ago as part of the CIR Union contract. Recent examples of items purchased include TV/DVD/playstation for pediatric patients, condolence cards for patients' families, a bladder scanner, taxi vouchers for pregnant patients, portable interpreter speaker phones and more. Applications for items to be purchased with these funds are accepted on a biannual basis with November 1 and May 1 deadlines. The application is attached to this email.

The UCSF fund consists of \$50,000 allocated annually towards projects designed to enhance care for UCSF Medical Center patients. Recent examples include: dual-headset interpreter phones for the 14th floor of Moffitt-Long (now paid for by the interpreting dept), educational pamphlets and videos for solid-organ transplant patients who attend dermatology clinics for their increased susceptibility of skin malignancies (now formally adopted by the dermatology dept), condolence cards/care packages for women whose fetuses suffered from fetal demise, self-management binders for our patients with Cystic Fibrosis (now under the pulmonary dept budget). As you can see, the most successful projects are those that needed seed money to start and remained sustainable over the long term with departmental buy-in. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and can be found under the GME website.

<http://medschool.ucsf.edu/gme/residents/index.html>

We look forward to hearing your innovative ideas! No project is too small, nor too big!! If a project isn't entirely feasible, we will work with you to "make it happen". Pls contact us with any questions or comments.

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