EVERY WOMAN'S LIFE (EWL) PROGRAM:

Free Breast & Cervical Cancer Screenings for Virginians

Why this Program Matters

- Early detection saves lives - but screenings can be out of reach for many in the Commonwealth without health insurance.
- EWL provides free breast and cervical cancer screenings to uninsured, low-income Virginians

Eligibility

- Virginia resident
- No health insurance
- Income at or below 250% of the federal poverty level

What's Covered

- Clinical breast exam & screening mammogram
- Pelvic Exam, Pap test, HPV test
- Any diagnostic tests required to reach a final diagnosis
- If diagnosed with cancer, women may qualify for Medicaid to cover their treatment

Statewide Provider Network

- Local Health Departments
- Hospitals & large systems
- Free Clinics & Federally Qualified Health Centers

Funding for Every Woman's Life

The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) provides the majority of funding for EWL:

- In FY26: $3.38 million from the CDC; $387,228 in Virginia state general funds (mainly administrative)
- There is no line item in Virginia's budget for the Every Woman's Life (EWL) program.

Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation
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VA Department of Health's Every Woman's Life Program Impact

1997-2025

more than 80k WOMEN SCREENED

227,000+ total screenings

Because of this program:

2,600+ VIRGINIANS were diagnosed with breast cancer

1,400+ VIRGINIANS were diagnosed with cervical pre-cancer or cancer

FY26 Program Support

