



Personal Support Grants

Your questions answered

What are we trying to achieve?

To improve the quality of life, independence, mobility and dignity of anyone who has a chest, heart or stroke illness, particularly those with limited financial resources.

Who is eligible for grants?

Anyone who has an illness arising from a chest, heart or stroke condition, particularly where their illness is causing financial difficulty.

What kinds of things do we support?

We will provide funds for a wide range of goods or services, provided the need arises directly as a result of chest, heart or stroke illness, and the goods or services requested can be shown to make a real difference to the applicant's quality of life.

Examples of the types of items we support include:

- Aids to daily living
- Adaptations
- Respite care and/or holidays
- White goods (cookers, fridges, washing machines, vacuum cleaners)
- Clothing, bedding, floor coverings, redecoration
- Travel costs, particularly for hospital visits
- Heating costs
- Telephone installations
- Driving lessons and other types of training.



What will we not support?

We will not support goods or services which are the responsibility of statutory agencies (social work services or the National Health Service).

Where we have provided a holiday grant, we will not normally support another application until three years have passed.

We will not provide retrospective grants, i.e. refund costs which have already been spent.



How much can I apply for?

There are different grants limits for different purposes and, in the case of holidays, different family sizes.

For 'standard' grants we would normally offer a maximum of £350, rising to £500 for family holidays.

We operate a higher limit for disability and/or communication equipment, of up to £750.

In exceptional circumstances, for example to enable a person to live independently rather than in institutional care, we can contribute up to £2,000.

How do I apply?

Applications for grants have to be made through a 'sponsor' from the statutory services. This can be a Local Authority social worker, a health professional employed by the NHS (for example, a doctor or occupational therapist) or, in some areas, a voluntary agency.

All applications have to have a brief medical report from the applicant's GP.



“Just a note to pass on sincere thanks from my client who you recently awarded a grant to enable her to purchase a reclining chair. She was delighted with the award and has told me that her quality of life has much improved”

“Thank you very much indeed for your grant of £500. This will be used for refurbishment of the kitchen and will significantly improve the home environment and promote independence. My clients appreciate your kindness and support”

“Thank you so much for your help, got my washing machine, I can't thank you enough”

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