

GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUALS

WHO WE ARE

The Hospital Saturday Fund is a registered Charity whose aims are to provide assistance through its charitable funds for:

- individuals with a medical condition or disability who would benefit from assistance with the purchase of specialised equipment or from particular forms of treatment.

WHAT WE CAN GIVE

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider the giving of partial or full grants to individuals for the following:

Specialised Mobility Equipment (excluding for sporting purposes): Wheelchairs, Mobility Scooters, Car adaptations
Medical Appliances and Aids: Hearing Aids, Nebulisers, Specialist Vision Aids
Specialised Computer Equipment
Therapeutic Equipment: Orthopaedic beds, Mattresses or pillows, Riser/recliners chairs, Lift hoist/aids
Therapeutic Treatment: Physiotherapy, Hydrotherapy, Acupuncture, Speech therapy, Osteopathy, Chiropractic treatment, Reflexology, Massage therapy, Aromatherapy, Psychotherapy
Home Adaptations: Walk in showers, Accessibility adaptations to bathrooms, Access ramps, Non-slip flooring, Stair lifts
Respite Breaks at a Therapeutic Centre

Grants are NOT made to individuals for any of the following:

Financial assistance, transport costs to hospitals/clinics, in-home care or care home costs, private hospital admission or treatment, experimental drugs/medication (those not recommended by N.I.C.E), purchase of a car, building works to either inside or outside of the home, painting, decorating, any gardening works, new furniture or replacing existing furnishings, installation or maintenance of any heating system, maintenance contracts, new or replacement carpets, electrical household goods (e.g. washing machines, dishwashers, tumble dryers, ovens, microwaves, fridges etc), bedlinen, holidays/trips abroad/religious pilgrimages, repayment of loans or credit card debts, utility bills for household expenses (e.g. gas, water, telephone, etc), rent or mortgage arrears, settlement of debts/contracts, clothing, education or tuition fees, funeral expenses, driving lessons and treatment outside the UK and Ireland.

HOW TO APPLY

- We do not accept applications directly from members of the public.
- The Hospital Saturday Fund will only correspond with the supporter organisation and not the individual. If you are an individual in need, please approach a suitable organisation to make the application on your behalf.
- All applications must be submitted on behalf of the individual by a professional supporter/referrer, having uploaded confirmation of support on headed paper and supplied supporting documentation as detailed below. The supporter must be able to process the application and administer/receive the cheque should the grant application be successful.
- Supporters can include: a registered medical, health or welfare charity, social worker, hospital consultant or specialist, specialist nurse, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Citizen Advice Bureau, local authority or any other health professional. Note: A doctor can be a supporter but only if he/she or the Practice is able to submit and process the application and administer a grant cheque on the applicant's behalf. A doctor can of course supply the supporting evidence to confirm a medical condition.

- Applications must be made online at www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org and by clicking into the 'Apply for a Grant' section where the link to the online application can be found. Please note we do not accept paper or letter applications and can only consider applications made online.
- All sections of the form should be completed and supporting documentation uploaded before the application can be considered. The Applicant is the name of the individual requiring assistance not the supporter. For children, the application should be in the name of the child, not the parent.
- The supporter should confirm their support by uploading a signed letter on headed paper
- Supporting evidence in the form of letter or medical report/certificate should be uploaded to confirm medical need.
- A quote from the supplier or service provider must be included with the application.
- The maximum amount that can be applied for is £2,000 or €2,700. Due to the high number of applications received, we advise applicants to approach other funders in addition to HSF in order to raise the full amount. Evidence of this on the application form will assist your application.
- If successful, cheques will be made payable to the supplier of the goods/services or the organisation supporting the application (but NOT the individual requiring assistance). Please ensure the supplier will accept cheques before making the application otherwise any successful grant award payment will be delayed. The Hospital Saturday Fund does not get involved with ordering equipment, delivery, booking sessions etc.
- Applications are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis but as we have a small office staff it may take a period of time before we are able to advise on the outcome of applications. All supporter organisations are contacted with the decision, whether successful or not, so please refrain from contacting the office to enable us to administer the process as quickly as possible.
- We are able to make a grant to an individual once per calendar year.

Please ensure the above guidelines are followed as incomplete or incorrectly submitted applications will not be considered.

Please note that we receive many more applications than have funds available and therefore unfortunately cannot help everyone that applies.

All applications will be carefully considered and a letter will be sent to the supporter organisation to advise the result of the application as soon as we are able.

Results are not given over the telephone.

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATIONS:

Online application form

Supporter letter

Evidence of condition/diagnosis and need for item/service requested

Quote for item/service requested

Confirmation of cheque payee

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