



Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland CHSS PERSONAL SUPPORT GRANT

The aim of the grants programme is to improve the quality of life, independence, mobility and dignity of anyone who has chest, heart or stroke illness particularly those with limited financial resources

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING NOTES FOR GUIDANCE AS INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECTLY COMPLETED FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO SPONSOR, DELAYING THE APPLICATION.

Eligibility

- Anyone who has a chest, heart or stroke illness can apply for a grant, particularly when their illness is causing financial difficulty.

How to apply

- Application forms will only be sent to, and at the request of, the sponsor.
- Under no circumstances will forms be sent to the applicant
- All applications must be submitted by an appropriately qualified sponsor
- Applications are usually submitted through social work offices, but we will also accept applications from health professionals such as Community Nurses, Practice Nurses or similar. Students, trainees and assistants must have the form countersigned by a senior. We also accept applications through Citizens Advice Bureaux and the Princess Royal Trust for Carers. Any applications submitted by agencies out with the above will be considered on a case by case basis
- If you are in doubt about whether or not you can sponsor an application, please contact the Grants Section for advice
- Applications should include full financial details. Savings information is important and capital amounts are taken into consideration in line with Income Support rules

Applying for specialised equipment

- When applying for funding towards the cost of specialised equipment (i.e. wheelchairs, riser/recliners chairs, power packs etc) or any type of adaptations we must ask that the application is submitted or supported by an occupational therapist who has carried out an assessment to ensure that the equipment being requested is appropriate and that no statutory funding is available to fully meet the need
- We will consider part funding any item or service which cannot be funded in full from statutory sources.

What can be applied for?

The following list gives an indication of what may be requested.

AIDS TO DAILY LIVING & ADAPTATIONS

- High chairs, specialised chairs, wheelchairs, power packs, computers and other specialist equipment related to disability including partial help towards cost of adaptations
- CHSS would like to encourage applications which will have an impact on quality of life and independence and in very particular circumstances, we may consider grants of up to £2000, as part of a comprehensive care package. Full details and costings would be required, including details of any statutory grants applied for
- In most cases the maximum grant is £750
- These applications must be submitted/supported by an Occupational Therapist

HOLIDAYS

- Maximum amounts as follows

Single Person	£300
Couple	£400
(This can be a person and carer)	
Family	£500
- We can consider only one holiday grant every three years, unless there are exceptional circumstances, which should be highlighted
- Please submit at least 8 weeks prior to holiday departure dates. Late applications may not be considered

GENERAL GRANTS

- Furniture, furnishings, floor coverings, re-decoration and any other miscellaneous items which fall out with the other main categories
- Maximum grant is £350

CLOTHING & BEDDING

- Maximum grant is £150

WHITE GOODS

- Cookers, fridges, freezers, washing machines, other electrical household goods.
- Maximum grant is £250

TELEPHONE

- Maximum grant is £175

HEATING COSTS

- Maximum grant is £350

TRAVELLING / VISITING

- These are grants to help towards the cost of hospital visiting, particularly when children and distance are involved
- Maximum grant is £500

COMPUTERS / SOFTWARE

- Applications for these items should be endorsed by an appropriately qualified person e.g. OT, Speech Therapist or IT Specialist
- Maximum grant is £500

How often can applications be made?

- We do not give annual or on-going grants.
- Grants will usually only be considered once every three years, but in exceptional cases we will consider two consecutive grants, thereafter another application would not be considered again for at least two years

Additional info

- We do not give retrospective grants
- Please do not make any financial commitment on the basis of your application being successful
- Please allow time for us to administer the application
- Late applications may not be considered
- It is the responsibility of the sponsor to ensure that the application form is correctly completed
- All incomplete or incorrectly completed applications will be returned to the sponsor
- Applications are considered by our Grants Committee on a weekly basis, and the sponsor will be advised about the outcome of the application.

IMPORTANT

Cheques will be made payable to the sponsoring agency and sent directly to the sponsor who should ensure that monies are passed to the applicant, and that these monies are used only for the purpose intended.

Completed forms should be returned to:

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9 Haymarket Terrace
Edinburgh
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