

Grants - FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions - Grants & Support

Who can apply for a grant?

We currently support individuals in the UK who are facing hardship due to:

- Mental or physical ill health
- Trauma or loss
- Life-changing events or sudden financial crisis

You do not need to be receiving benefits to apply — we understand that hardship looks different for everyone ♥

What can the grant be used for?

We offer small, one-off grants that can help with:

- Emergency food or clothing
- Transport to attend therapy or important appointments
- Costs related to bereavement or domestic crisis
- Short-term relief while waiting for other support

We're here to offer immediate, practical help when it's most needed.

How much can I apply for?

Our grants are usually between £25 and £150, depending on your situation and our available funds. Every application is considered individually.

How do I apply?

You can:

- Fill in our short online application form [link]
- Or email us at [your email address] with a few details about your situation

If you need help filling in the form, we're happy to assist.

Do I need to send evidence?

We don't ask for a lot of paperwork — we trust you. But we might ask for basic information like:

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- A short description of your circumstances
- What the grant would help with
- Details of someone who can support your application (could be a support worker, carer or medical professional)
- Proof of bank details and / or email and phone number, for payment

All information is kept confidential.

How quickly will I hear back?

We aim to respond to all applications within 14 days. If it's urgent, let us know and we'll do our best to help sooner.

Will I need to pay the money back?

No. Our grants are gifts, not loans. We give them with no strings attached, to help you through a difficult time •

Can I apply more than once?

We may be able to help again in the future, but our grants are mainly for one-off emergency support. If you've already received a grant, you're welcome to contact us again and we'll review it case by case.

I'm applying on behalf of someone else — is that OK?

Yes, we do accept referrals from professionals, charities, or support workers with the person's permission. Please contact us for more details.

I'm not sure if I'm eligible — what should I do?

Reach out. If we can't help directly, we'll try our best to signpost you to someone who can Vou deserve support, even if you're unsure how to ask for it.