Macmillan grants are small, discretionary, one off payments to help people with the extra costs that cancer can cause. If you need things like extra clothing, help paying heating bills or even a relaxing break, you may be able to get a Macmillan grant.

How much you get will depend on your situation and needs. A grant from Macmillan would not normally affect the benefits you are entitled to. It is an extra bit of help, not a replacement for other support.

Who can apply
You can apply for a Macmillan grant if you have cancer, or if you are still seriously affected by your illness or treatment. You can also apply if you have a particular need related to the cancer or treatment. Both of the following must also apply:

- You have less than £6,000 in savings if you are single, or less than £8,000 as a couple or family.
- You have a low total income after you have paid rent, mortgage and council tax. This means a weekly income of £170 for a single person, £289 for a couple or household of two people and £85 for each child. In some situations we may also take into account any additional adults in the household.

Macmillan does not count Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Attendance Allowance (AA) in our calculations.

How to apply
Macmillan has moved to an online application process for all Macmillan grants from January 2020.

You may apply through a health or social care professional. This may be a social worker, a district nurse, a benefits adviser, a Macmillan Navigator or cancer support professional. Alternatively, any Macmillan Information service closer to home or Macmillan benefits advisor can help complete an application for you.

The Macmillan CUH Cancer Support team at Addenbrooke’s are here to help you with an online application. You can visit us in the ‘Pod’ in oncology outpatients or request a visit from a member of the team when in as an inpatient or outpatient.
We have included below some of the information requested by Macmillan in order to process your application. Please come prepared with this information when we meet with you or call to discuss over the phone. Unfortunately, the grants team will be unable to process any applications without the relevant information.

Information required includes:

- Income
- Savings and investments (including partner)
- Number of dependents
- Benefits
- Housing status and council tax information.

For those that are unable to access a local professional or who wish to apply at a time more convenient to them you can contact the Macmillan Support line directly who will complete the application over the phone. **Macmillan Support Line: 0808 808 0000**

**What happens next?**

Your key worker will now need to write your supporting statement with you and liaise with your medical team. Macmillan award grants in accordance with their agreed medical criteria and therefore need to request some medical information.

The Macmillan grants team will then process your application and we will be in touch if they need any more information from you.

Once your application is approved, you will receive your payment either by BACS into your bank account or by cheque.

**PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION**

**Macmillan grant consent**

By the applicant submitting this form on your behalf, you consent to Macmillan Cancer Support using your details to assess your eligibility and process your grant.

You will be required to confirm you have consent from any other individuals/parties who may have provided personal information in this application form.

If you or someone you love has cancer, we’ll be there – from diagnosis, through treatment and beyond. From our Macmillan nurses to our support line advisers, we’re here for you.

We would like to stay in touch to tell you more about our services and other ways we can support you. If you have shared any information about your cancer experience we will use this to tailor the support services we offer you.

**Please contact me by:**

- **Email**
- **Phone**
- **Text**
- **Post**
We promise to keep your details safe and never sell or swap them with anyone. Our privacy policy explains how we keep this promise. If you don’t want to hear from us, or change your mind about how we contact you, email contact@macmillan.org.uk or call 0300 1000 200.
Your contact details:

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Other sources of help
We may be able to identify other support from specialist teams within Macmillan or from other organisations. We will not pass any details on to a third party without contacting the patient and obtaining consent first.

Benefits advice
Macmillan's benefits advisers can help by working out the financial help someone may be entitled to. They have specialist knowledge of benefits and they can offer up to date, invaluable advice on an ongoing basis if you need it.

If you haven’t already received benefits advice, would you like us to contact you about this? (Optional)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Financial guidance
Macmillan has a Financial Guidance team who can give free, independent guidance and information on all aspects of personal finances. If you would like us to contact you about this, please tick any aspects you are interested in. (Optional)

☐ Mortgages ☐ Pensions ☐ Wills & Estate Planning ☐ Insurance
☐ Debt ☐ Budgeting

Energy and Utility costs
We may be able to identify further help from fuel providers. Please tell us about your utilities. How your home is heated, who is the provider, how much are the payments, do you pay weekly or monthly and are there any arrears? Similarly, for water and electric.

Occupation
Occupational benevolent funds are a potential source of financial help. We ask about occupations because some funds help people who have worked in a particular job or industry, and some may also provide help based on the partner’s circumstances.

Your current occupation: _______________ Partner’s current occupation: ____________

Your previous occupation: _______________
Supporting statement

Macmillan Professional to complete
Your Macmillan professional will complete this section of the online for you in support of what you would like a grant for. In order to establish your needs fully, we can provide help for a wide range of items or services such as hospital fares, convalescent holidays and household appliance or support aids. Macmillan will require detail around mileage and frequency of visits if claiming for mileage. The person completing the form on your behalf will be able to discuss your needs with you in more detail.

Macmillan professional name: _______________________________________

Information taken from macmillan.org.uk and the Macmillan grants support page.

We are a smoke-free site: smoking will not be allowed anywhere on the hospital site. For advice and support in quitting, contact your GP or the free NHS stop smoking helpline on 0800 169 0 169.

Other formats:
If you would like this information in another language or audio, please contact Interpreting services on telephone: 01223 256998, or email: interpreting@addenbrookes.nhs.uk For Large Print information please contact the patient information team: patient.information@addenbrookes.nhs.uk

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