

Macmillan Grants

What are Macmillan Grants?

Macmillan grants are small, discretionary, one-off payments to help people with the extra costs that cancer can cause. They are for people who have a low level of income and savings.

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 affect the benefits you are entitled to. It is an extra bit of help, not a replacement for other support.

Who are they for?

You can apply for a Macmillan grant if you have cancer, are still affected by your illness or treatment, or 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 no more than £323 per week for a household of one person or no more than £442 per week for a household of two or more people. Personal Independence Payment, Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance do not count as disposable income.

These are general rules, but Macmillan will consider individual situations.

How to claim

1. Apply through a health or social care professional. This may be a social worker, a district nurse, a benefits adviser, or a Macmillan nurse if you have one.
2. They fill in a grant application form with you online or by hand and send it to the Grants team at Macmillan. If they are not a health professional, they will also include a short medical report from your specialist nurse, doctor or consultant.
3. The Macmillan Grants team will then process your application and will be in touch if they need any more information from you.
4. Once your application is approved, you will receive your payment either by BACS into your bank account or by cheque.

Any personal or medical information included in your application will be treated confidentially.



If you think you may be eligible for this benefit, call the **St Barnabas Welfare and Benefits Team** on **01476 513544**, who will assist you to make an application.

