

Support Fund Programme FAQs

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What is changing?

There are several changes happening from 2 March and these are listed below:

- Four support funds will replace our previous grants and equipment loan programme
- The rolling 12-month limit which people with MND can receive will increase to £4,000
- Retrospective funding of up to six weeks will be possible, for certain scenarios
- Post bereavement support for carers, young carers, children and young people will be extended from 12 to 18 months post bereavement
- The application process has been streamlined with fewer forms simplified guidance.

What are the four new support funds?

Name	Examples of what can be applied for
Cost of living 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food costs - Household bills (for example, energy bills)
Everyday living 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seating - Contributions towards adaptations - Wheelchair accessories, for example risers, powerpacks, attendant controls - Equipment rental - stairlifts, wheelchairs, seating, ramps - Respite care - Physiotherapy
Wellbeing - individuals, carers,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holidays, breaks and trips - Counselling for over 25s

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children and families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home and garden maintenance and improvements for example, cleaner, gardener, furniture - Driving lessons - School trips and other activities - Self-care, for example haircuts, beauty treatments - Complementary therapies
Technology and innovation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Banked voice downloads (including voice build and repair services) - Text to speech communication aids and apps - Contributions towards alternative wheelchair controls such as eyegaze driving - Specialist assistive technology for the home - Specialist software

Why is it changing?

The support fund programme was reviewed in 2023/2024. More than 600 people contributed, including people affected by MND, volunteers, and health and social care professionals. We benchmarked against similar programmes, reviewed external reports and gathered further feedback. Key themes included considering retrospective applications and fewer application forms.

Who have you involved?

We have involved people affected by MND, volunteers, health and social care professionals and staff over the past two years. This involvement has helped to shape the future.

Why are you no longer using the term 'grants'?

As part of our research into charity led financial support, we learned that the word 'grant' can be a barrier to someone applying for support. The word can, to some, suggest that the money must be repaid.

Is anything not changing?



Everything that you have been able to apply for up till now will be the same - for example if you have applied for funding towards holidays, you will still be able to do that.

What if I have already sent an 'old' application in?

It will take several weeks for the changes to bed in so we will continue to process applications on the old forms and convert those at our end. We will keep this under review however we don't expect that this transition will take more than three months.

Is the application process changing?

The application process will remain the same however the forms will look different and by having less forms to complete we hope that it makes applying for support easier.

Can I still apply to my local branch or group for financial support?

Absolutely yes.

I am branch treasurer, what does this mean for the cashbook in 2026?

The 2026 cashbook will be simplified meaning that for January and February 2026, you will log Quality of Life, Carers Grants and Children/Young Persons grants under the Wellbeing category.

How can I give you feedback?

We're interested in feedback so that we can continue to improve the support fund programme and you can send feedback by email to Pauline Marks at nationalcare@mndassociation.org

What is planned for the future?

Although we have made this important change, we still have lots of work to do as we want to continue to improve the information on the website, we want to capture feedback, case studies and showcase the benefits of the support fund programme. We want to understand who is applying and importantly who isn't so we can understand what the barriers people might be facing.

This document may be updated after 02 March, so please do visit our website for more information at [Financial support grants | MND Association](#)



The support fund programme will continue to evolve shaped by you!