

Grace Cares Hardship Grants

Aim of fund

The programme will support Unpaid Caregivers and older people across the UK, who may be in need of some financial support. We will offer support in the form of vouchers.

Who We Are Able to Support

We must ensure the grants go to people who really need them. Therefore, you must hit the following financial thresholds:

- Applicants must not be over 25% of the Minimum Income Standard (MIS). This is £23,776 for a single person and £36,605 for a household of 2 people.
- Applicants must have household savings less than £3,000 for a single adult household or £6,000 for a couple.

Unpaid Caregiver

To be eligible for an Unpaid Caregiver Grant to support you with the cost of care equipment or cost of living, you must be an unpaid caregiver in the UK caring for:

- Someone over 70
and
- Delivering over 20 hours of care a week

Older people

To be eligible for an Older Person Grant to support you with the cost of living, you must:

- 70 years old or older
and
- Live in the UK

Geographical Reach

This programme will support individuals UK wide

Ineligible costs

We **do not** provide financial assistance for:

- Debts – consumer credit/debt repayments, payday loans, overdraft fees, rent arrears
- Legal fees and costs of legal representation
- Payment of fines
- House purchase
- Private medical treatment
- Private education
- Higher education course fees

Eligible costs

This list is not exhaustive, other items can be considered on a case by case basis

- Equipment to assist with disability such as wheel chairs, rollators, specialist furniture
- Incontinence products
- Gas and electricity costs
- Food/general shopping costs
- Memberships/costs to join support organisations/groups to assist with the needs of the older person being cared for

Grant amount

Up to £350

Although you may apply for funding, you are not guaranteed a grant

If you are awarded funding you will then be unable to apply again for another 24 months to ensure we help as many people as possible.

If you are successful, you will be issued with an e-voucher to purchase items, as detailed in your application. It may also be possible to make direct payments to an organisation supporting you, this can be considered on a case by case basis.

Monitoring

If you are successful, you will be issued with an e-voucher to purchase items, as detailed in your application. Once you have spent the voucher, you will need to send us a receipt of the purchases made.

We would also like to hear about the impact this support has had, and so would appreciate a short quote from you, so as we can build up our impact report.

Supporting documents required

Unpaid Caregiver

- 1) **Evidence being an active unpaid caregiver.** This could be a letter of support from a GP or Healthcare provider, a document / ID stating your carer's status, any letter detailing caring responsibilities or a claim for Carer's Allowance or benefits.
- 2) **A letter of support** from a GP, Social Worker, Occupational Therapist, or similar
- 3) If you are applying for equipment, please include a **quote or an example** of what you would spend the money on
- 4) **Form of ID/ proof of address**, such as a passport, driving licence or utility bill

Older People

- 1) If you are applying for equipment, please include a **quote or an example** of what you would spend the money on
- 2) **Form of ID/ proof of address**, such as a passport, driving licence or utility bill
- 3) You will be asked to provide a breakdown of **income and expenditure** on the application form