Changes to MND Scotland grants

Frequently Asked Questions

**Why have the grants changed?**

We’ve made these changes in response to rising demand and limited funding across the charity sector. Bringing our grants together into one ensures we can continue offering support to as many people as possible.

**Who can apply for the grant?**

Anyone living with MND, as well as their carers and family members, are eligible to apply. We recognise that MND impacts not just the individual but the people around them too.

**What does a ‘needs-based approach’ mean?**

It means we will look at each person’s individual financial circumstances. Some applicants may receive a higher amount if they are facing greater financial challenges. This helps us ensure our support goes where it’s needed most.

**Will everyone who applies receive something?**

Yes – all eligible applicants will receive financial support from MND Scotland. The amount awarded will depend on your financial situation, but everyone affected by MND will continue to be supported.

**How much is now available in grants for people living with MND and their carers?**

People with MND, along with their carers and families, can receive a combined £300 in the current financial year. A higher amount of £1,200 is available for those who are facing greater financial challenges, in the current financial year.

**How is the financial threshold determined as to who gets more money?**

Everyone’s situation is different, so your MND Scotland advisor will have a chat with you to understand your current circumstances. We’ll ask for a small amount of information in your application to help us understand your current situation. This might include your financial circumstances and how the grant will be used to support your wellbeing.The outcome will provide the level of grant that you will receive**.** All applications are treated with care and in confidence.

**Will the grants still be available each year?**

This will be reviewed each financial year and is subject to financial situation and availability.

**What can the grant be used for?**

The Making Time Count Grant is here to support your wellbeing. That could include help with daily living costs, a break away with loved ones, emotional support, household needs, or anything else that improves your quality of life while living with, or caring for someone, with MND.

**Why are the grants changing so soon after changes were made in 2023?**

We review both our financial position and our support services on an annual basis. Sometimes it is necessary to implement changes to balance financial limitations, and the breadth of support services delivered. These are essential but difficult decisions.

**How to Apply**

Your advisor from MND Scotland’s Support Services will guide you through the application process, identify the support that is available, and complete the application on your behalf.

If you are not currently in touch with an MND Scotland advisor, or if you are unsure who to speak to, please contact our Support Team by email support@mndscotland.org.uk or by phone 0141 332 3903.

We are here to help and ensure the process is as straightforward and supportive as possible.