

Mummy's Star Grant Guidelines

Overview

Our grants programme is aimed at supporting families by providing some financial relief and breathing space during what is a very difficult and challenging time.

Filling in the form / Help

We are fully aware of the stress and worry that families go through if they are unfortunate enough to find themselves needing to access our support. With that in mind we have designed a straightforward application form to avoid creating further unnecessary stress and worry.

If at any point you have questions or require help filling in this form please do not hesitate to contact us at info@mummysstar.org , providing your phone number and we will arrange a convenient time to ring and discuss the application with you.

Once completed, your application should be emailed to info@mummysstar.org along with the supporting documentation required or returned to the address below:

Mummy's Star,
PO Box 428,
Hadfield,
Glossop,
SK14 9EA

Eligibility

To be eligible for our grants programme you must fit under at least one of the following as the charity focuses on supporting women and families where the:

- Woman is diagnosed or treated for cancer during her pregnancy.
- Woman is diagnosed or treated for cancer within a year of her giving birth.
- Family in the first year of a birth lose their female partner because of cancer

Note 1: If you are diagnosed with any form of cancer but then sadly the pregnancy cannot continue whether it be either natural or medically induced loss you are eligible for our support. We also support women who are diagnosed with a molar pregnancy or Gestational Trophoblastic Disease.

Note 2: A child must be 12 months or younger at the time your initial application is received.

Information Required to Support Your Application

For us to process your application as quickly as possible please enclose a copy of the following with your application. Without these we are unable to begin processing your application:

- Medical confirmation of your diagnosis (a copy of a letter indicating your treatment/appointments relating to your diagnosis)
- Copy of Photo ID – Passport or Driving Licence preferable together (if you do not have this then a copy of your birth certificate)
- Proof of address - copy of a recent letter (e.g., bank statement, Council Tax statement).

Grants

The maximum grant that can be applied for, if you have a primary cancer diagnosis, is £500.

If you have received a secondary or terminal cancer diagnosis, a higher amount will be considered, up to a maximum of £700.

If you are applying to us for support following the loss of a mum, we can offer financial support up to a maximum of £1,000. In addition to this, we can also offer advice and guidance on entitlements such as bereavement payments.

Eligible Costs

We do not provide an exhaustive list of what is eligible in our grants programme as every family has different needs and therefore each application will be judged individually. We always recommend speaking to us prior to applying to check and avoid any delays.

These are just some examples of the types of things that we have previously funded which have helped families in this situation:

- Recompense for partners having to take unpaid leave to support at home beyond their existing leave/paternity leave
- Travel costs to appointments
- Support which may help with bonding with new baby such as costs of baby massage classes, aqua classes etc.
- Payment for counselling support, telephone or face to face, if not available through your support services within a short space of time i.e. 3 months waiting
- Payment for additional child-minding required around appointments or payment for home childcare such as a nanny for a day a week etc. around appointments or post treatment days
- Payment for a cleaner in the home.
- An Ipad or similar device to allow children to speak to Mummy when she may be in hospital overnight etc.
- Private purchase of donor breast milk (if your hospital is unwilling to fund it)
- Holidays (in the case of a secondary cancer diagnosis)
- Prescription charges (Republic of Ireland only)

Ineligible Costs

While we would like to be able to provide every family with grants to support those things that will bring them the greatest relief, we do have to rule out certain costs to be able to support as many families as possible.

The following items cannot be funded through a Grant:

- Cost of medical treatment
- Holidays (except if a secondary cancer diagnosis is received)
- Purchase of vehicles
- Purchase of non-essential electrical equipment for the home
- Payment of Rent or Mortgage Payments, Interest payments (e.g., on unsecured debt), TV licence fees etc.
- Prescription charges (except in Republic of Ireland)
- Costs for services and items covered by benefits

Making a Decision/Timescales

Upon receipt of your application and it being checked, the form is then circulated to our trustees for a decision. Decisions are made simply by majority and in the event of a tied vote; the Chair will make the casting decision.

The normal timescale for this is 2 weeks unless received during the months of July and August at which time several trustees may be away.

You will be notified within one week of the decision in writing and email dependant. If you have been successful we aim to make payment within one week.

Applying again

Due to high demand, we can only provide one grant per family in any 12-month period and a maximum of 2 grants in total to any one family over time. All grant applications MUST be made before baby turns 12 months old. The only exception to the 12-month period between grants is if a secondary cancer or terminal diagnosis is received or a mum has sadly passed away.

When applying for a second grant at the higher rates where secondary/terminal diagnosis are received, we will consider applications up to the time the baby is 5 years old, or up to 5 years following the loss of a baby.

Unsuccessful Applications

If your application is unsuccessful, we will work with you to identify other sources of funding for the items in your application.

If reapplying, any new application must be for something different to that on the previously unsuccessful one. We recommend you contact us prior to resubmitting an application.

Receipts/Evaluation Form

If you are successful in receiving a grant, we will write to you 12 months after.

At this point we will ask you to fill in a simple evaluation form confirming what the grant was spent on and what relief this brought to you and your family and ask that you send us the receipts for any items purchased (where reasonable).

Please note you will be asked on our evaluation form if you are happy for us to share your comments on our website/for use in publicity material. The purpose of this is so we can publicise, with your permission, the benefits that the Mummy's Star Grants provide.

Mummy's Star Grant Application Form

Before filling in this form please ensure you have read our accompanying guidelines above.

All information recorded is treated as confidential and will not be shared with anyone apart from the Trustees and Advisors of Mummy's Star.

1. Name	
2. Address	
3. Email Address	
4. Contact Number	
5. Date of Birth	
6. If it is someone other than a member of the immediate family completing this form please give details of who you are, contact details and your role in supporting this family i.e. health professional, friend etc.	
7. Please tell us about your circumstances	
8. Please explain to us what you would like a Grant to pay for	

9. Please break down the costs you have indicated in the previous answer	Item/Expenditure	Cost	
		£	
		£	
		£	
		£	
		£	
		£	
		£	
		£	
		Total Cost	£
10. Please describe the benefit that this will bring to you and your family			
11. How did you hear about Mummy's Star?			
12. Signature of Applicant		Date	
13. Print Name			

Please note if your application is successful then you are agreeing to use the grant for the agreed purpose within a 12-month period. Any change in the planned use of the grant must be agreed prior, by notifying Mummy's Star in writing via email or otherwise. Any proposed changes will be dealt with as quickly as possible.

Payment Details

For payment by BACS/Cheque

Name of Account Holder/Made Payable To	
Bank Name & Address	
Account Number	
Sort Code	
International Bank Account Number (IBAN)	
Bank Identifier Code (BIC)	

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Reference No.		Applicant Notified	
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Date Received		Amount Awarded	
Date Considered		Payment Made	
Trustee Decision		E&M Received	

Contact Preferences

We will only contact you in the way you want us to.

Support.

We will only contact you where necessary to provide the appropriate support to your individual situation.

Please indicate if you are happy for us to contact you by:

Email
 Post
 Telephone
 Text Message

Sharing Stories

From time to time, we share stories of our families, how our work has helped and to engage others in our activities. This may be done on our website, Social Media and other channels. We will never do so without your express permission.

If you are happy for us to contact you about sharing your story please tick here

Fundraising

Our work relies on the kindness and generosity of others.

If you would like to receive information about fundraising for Mummy's Star and how our Fundraising Volunteers are supporting our work, please tick here

We will hold your information on our secure database, this will not be shared with anyone without your express permission or if we are required by law to do so.