

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT FUND FAQs

- **Why has the Cost of Living Support Fund been created?**
The Cost of Living Support Fund was launched in 2023 to offer more financial support to people living with MND or Kennedy's disease during the cost of living crisis. Following a recent review, the maximum amount of funding available has been increased to up to £500 and continues to be considered towards household bills and food shopping costs.
- **Who can apply?**
This fund is available to people living with MND or Kennedy's disease who have a confirmed diagnosis or suspected diagnosis from a health professional. A representative for the applicant, including family members, Association Visitors (AV), Area Support Coordinators (ASC) may fill out the application form on their behalf.
- **Can you apply again if already received Cost of Living Support Fund in 2024?**
For those who have already received a cost of living payment up until 31 October 2024, can now apply for up to an additional £150 before the end of the year towards the cost of household bills and food shopping costs, should you need to.
- **What is the application process?**
Applicants will need to complete the cost of living support fund [application form](#) and provide details about why the fund is required and how will it be used (please note we cannot consider repayment of debt). No quotes or receipts are required as part of the application process. In the first instance please email your completed application form to support.services@mndassociation.org, alternatively the form can be returned to your local Branch or Group who will then send this onto the Support Services Team to process – details of our branches and groups can be found [here](#).
- **Can I apply if I am not registered with the Association?**
If you are not known to the Association, a [referral](#) can be completed on your behalf by a health care professional (e.g. Neurologist /Occupational Therapist / MND Nurse Specialist) that confirms your diagnosis and submitted alongside your application form. Alternatively, we can accept a copy of a clinic letter or letter from your neurologist confirming your diagnosis.
- **Can individuals apply more than once?**
Applicants may request the full £500 in one application or separate amounts totalling £500 over the course of the year.
- **Are applicants means tested for the Cost of Living Support Fund?**
No, applicants are not means tested as part of the application process for the cost of living support fund, or any of our other grants.
- **Can individuals still apply for the Cost of Living Support Fund if they have been awarded other MND Association grants before?** Yes. It doesn't matter what other types of financial support individuals have received from the MND Association. The cost of living support fund is in addition to the £3,000 rolling 12 month limit which

is applicable for the two other types of grants available to people living with MND; the Quality of Life grant and Support Care grant. More information about these grants can be found [here](#).

- **How quickly will my application be processed?**

We aim to process all cost of living support fund applications within 5 working days and all other types of grant applications within 10 working days.

- **What other support can people living with MND receive during the cost of living crisis?**

You can access further information about support available to you and your family via our website on our [Cost of Living Hub](#).