



MND Support Fund

Information & Guidelines

Financial support grants

Being diagnosed with motor neurone disease (MND) changes everything. It brings a steep and sudden learning curve, countless questions, and a pressing urgency to make every moment count.

That's why the MND Support Fund exists – to provide practical, timely help when other support systems can't. It offers targeted financial assistance to people living with MND, their families, whānau, and carers.

The Support Fund isn't here to replace what the government provides – and it's only accessed once those options have been explored. However, when delays or gaps in public support risk impacting wellbeing, our fund helps to mitigate the financial burden of an MND diagnosis and ensures individuals can focus on what matters most: time with the people they love.

The fund is only made possible thanks to sponsorship from [Fulton Hogan](#), [Jubilee Trust](#), and the generosity of the New Zealand community via donations and fundraising, and funding is limited.

Who can apply for grants?

The Support Fund is available to anyone in New Zealand who is currently receiving support from MND NZ, as well as their immediate family, whānau, and carers. Access is based on eligibility criteria and guided by our support advisors to ensure funding goes where it's needed most.

To be eligible, the person with MND must have met with a member of the MND NZ support team and signed a Client Consent form.

What grants are available?

Client Support Grant

Up to \$1500 can be granted to provide additional support to a person living with MND.

It is only for cases where other funding options (i.e. government funding or funding from other supporting agencies) have been explored and have either been exhausted or unforthcoming. Applications for interim support when government provision cannot be provided in a timely manner will also be considered.

If the application is for equipment, treatments, or home modifications, an assessment and recommendation from the appropriate health professional is also required to ensure suitability.

Examples of funding would include contributions to:

- household tasks and maintenance (e.g. washing windows, mowing lawns, repairs, firewood)

- purchasing or hiring equipment that cannot be sourced via a government provider
- home adaptations
- mobility or transport assistance
- respite care

Carer Support Grant

Up to \$750 can be granted to the carer or immediate family/whānau member of a person living with MND, to provide additional support, or to enable the carer or immediate family/whānau member to take a short break or activity away from carer duties (e.g. a holiday or trip, a leisure activity or hobby, or time to rest and recharge).

Hardship Support Grant

In special circumstances, where all other possible sources of funding have been exhausted, consideration will be given to assisting MND families with household bills and provisions. Up to \$750 can be granted to a person with MND, their immediate family, whānau, and carers.

What can't I apply for?

- Any item or service that can be provided by a government agency or other supporting agency
- Retrospective funding for items or services
- Funeral costs
- Overseas travel
- Experimental treatments

How do I apply?

All requests need to be submitted to support@mnd.org.nz or through your closest [support advisor](#). Here's how the application process works:

Contact your support advisor: Talk to them about what you need.

Check the criteria: If your request fits the support fund criteria, your advisor will give you an application form to fill out and send back.

Provide proof of costs: Depending on what you're applying for, you may need to provide proof of costs, like quotes or website screenshots. The supplier might also be contacted to confirm details.

For equipment or home modifications: You'll need an assessment and recommendation from a health professional to ensure what you're asking for is suitable. MND NZ will reach out to the health professional to discuss their recommendation.

Application review: Once your completed application is received at the national office, it will be reviewed quickly by the MND NZ support fund committee.

Notification: You'll hear back with a decision within seven working days.

Payment process: If your application is approved, payments will generally be made directly to the supplier. If the grant is paid to you, you'll need to provide proof of purchase for any grant over \$100.

How often can I apply?

- There are no set funding rounds and applications can be made at any time.
- There is no limit on how frequently clients, their families, whānau, and carers can apply to the Support Fund.
- However, the maximum total that can be distributed to a client, their families, whānau, and carers in a twelve-month period is \$1500 (i.e., a maximum of \$1500 per household per year), although this may be increased in cases of serious hardship.

Assessing your application

All grant applications are assessed by the MND NZ support fund committee. The committee follows a standardised procedure for all applications. The decision of the committee is final. Funding is limited, and all applications will be assessed based on need and impact.

Confidentiality

MND NZ's [privacy policy](#) applies to all support fund applications and grants. The personal details of all grant applicants will remain confidential unless consent is given via the application form. Only the persons involved in the application process (i.e. the support advisor, the support fund committee, and relevant health professional(s) where appropriate) will have access to applicants' details.

If you have any further questions regarding the support fund, please [contact your support advisor](#).

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