

Anthony Nolan Grants advice



saving the lives
of people with
blood cancer

Anthony Nolan Grants support patients before, during, and after a stem cell transplant. We welcome grant applications from people experiencing autologous transplant, cord blood transplant, and related and unrelated allogeneic transplant.

You can apply for something that you need, or for something that you have bought or paid for in the last three months.

Our grants are typically under £150 and can help meet a wide range of practical needs:

- Some of the costs of travel fares to and from hospital, as well as parking costs
- New clothes, which may be necessary because of changes to body shape or size due to medications or treatment
- Access to the internet during time in isolation
- Help with buying a washing machine (if you don't already own one) or other household items to help make your life easier and reduce the risk of infection

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

You may be considered for an Anthony Nolan Grant if you meet the following eligibility criteria:

- You've had a stem cell transplant and you're still affected by the treatment or condition **OR** you have a blood cancer or disorder and you're expecting to have a stem cell transplant in the next six months
- You are a UK resident
- You have no more than £6,000 in savings (if a single person) or £8,000 in savings (if a couple or family)
- Your application for the grant demonstrates a clear link to the impact of the blood cancer or disorder and the stem cell transplant
- Your application for the grant outlines how you intend to spend it

MAKING A SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATION

Your application should explain the specific needs that have arisen from, or are related to, your stem cell transplant. It should also explain how the financial help requested will help to address your identified needs.

It can be useful to include the following information:

- Specific information about how the amount of financial support requested has been estimated, e.g. 'Parking for ten trips to the hospital at £8 per visit'
- Information about other financial support that you are receiving, e.g. 'We have received £30 from the Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme'. We will consider an application whether or not there are other forms of support

In determining a potential grant, our panel will consider:

- The extent to which there is a compelling case about the need for financial support at this time
- A clear connection between the impact of needing or having a stem cell transplant and the items or services requested
- Whether the information in the medical report supports the items or services requested
- Whether an Anthony Nolan grant has been offered to you previously. Unless the patient's circumstances have significantly changed for an identified reason, it may not be possible to provide further financial help on more than one occasion. However, cases will be assessed on an individual basis
- Whether you have received grants from other charities or organisations, such as Macmillan. Patients who have received other grants may still be eligible for an Anthony Nolan grant
- Whether the estimated cost of an item or service is reasonable. If the cost seems higher, an explanation for this would be expected
- Whether there are statutory resources, or any other alternative forms of support available
- Whether there has been an impact on a family's financial situation (e.g. child care responsibilities, mortgage payments)
- Whether needs have significantly increased
- Whether comfort and quality of life is compromised

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

If you are unsure whether a request for a grant will be successful, please contact us first for an informal discussion prior to submitting an application.

Contact Anthony Nolan to obtain a grant application form. Fill in the form with as much relevant detail as possible and ask your doctor, nurse, or other medical professional involved in your care to make a supporting statement for your application.

Email patientinfo@anthonymolan.org or call **0303 303 0303** and ask to speak with the Patient Experience Team.