

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE AID IN SICKNESS TRUST

One-off Grant Application Guidelines and Grant Criteria

The Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust provides grants towards medical aids and equipment for named individuals of all ages who are sick, disabled or suffering from a long-term illness.

We require the following information before we can consider your application:

- Completed application form & GDPR form. These are available by contacting Lisa Hungerford on 020 7998 8817, Lisa.Hungerford@fnaist.org.uk or from our website www.fnaist.org.uk
- We do not accept applications directly from individual members of the public. Applications need to be made by a 'Caseworker'. The Caseworker must be able to communicate with FNAIST on the applicant's behalf. The Caseworker can be:
 - employed by statutory health, social care, or advice services e.g., a Specialist Nurse, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist or Social Worker.
 - Professional workers from charities that provide a health, social care, welfare, or advice service.
 - Citizens Advice workers.
 - Professional workers from Tenancy Support, Care and Repair organisations and Housing Association.
- Letter from the Caseworker supporting the application, explaining why the grant is required, stating the applicant's medical diagnosis, the applicant's circumstances, detailing what they need and why.
- An assessment by an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist recommending the exact make and model for specialist equipment such as beds, wheelchairs, and specialist chairs.
- All applications include an official document from a medical body detailing the medical condition.
- Quotation with the cost of the item. Please note that for equipment costing over £10,000, we cannot consider applications until 50% of the funds have been secured.
- Financial information must be completed in full. Proof of all benefits by supplying copies of the client's latest letters from the DWP.
- Confirmation that funding is not available from other sources.
- Details of other organisations approached for funding.
- Applicants must be British Citizens or have permanent leave to remain in the United Kingdom.
- Grant applications will be considered at trustee meetings which are held every two months.
- We do not fund retrospectively.

Please note that all grants can only be made to the supplier direct (via an invoice) or via the Caseworker's organisation. We can only make payments to UK bank accounts.

Repeat applicants can only reapply after 3 years has elapsed since your last grant.

Listed below are some of the grants we may consider:

Specialist beds, manual and electric wheelchairs, power packs, mobile hoists, and riser/recliner chairs. Sensory equipment for play and education, communications aids, computers, and specialist software. Specialist equipment for individuals with visual impairment such as talking microwaves and specialist mobile phones. Fridges for the storage of medication. Washing machines if the client has extra washing because of a medical condition.