

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.
 - employed in the education sector e.g. SENCo, Family Support Worker.
- 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, mobility equipment 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 £5,000 we cannot consider applications until 50% of the funds have been secured. We do not fund retrospectively.
- 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 statutory sources.
- Details of other organisations approached for funding. Applicants requesting more than £1,000 must seek funding from other organisations to help meet the total amount required.
- Completed applications (those that include all required supporting documentation) received before the meeting deadline will be reviewed, and the caseworker will be notified whether the application will be considered at the forthcoming meeting. If an application cannot be accommodated at that meeting, it will automatically be carried forward for consideration at the next scheduled meeting.
- Grant meetings are held every two months.
- Applicants must be British Citizens or have permanent leave to remain in the United Kingdom.

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.