Living with cancer can be tough on your finances. You might not be able to earn in the same way. You’ll probably spend more on everyday costs like heating and getting around. And it’s hard knowing how to plan ahead.

But we’re here to help. We can give you the support and advice you need. We’ve summed up all the support we can offer you in the following sections – all you need to do now is get in touch.

Together we can help you deal with money worries, and get back to the things that matter most in your life.
It’s as easy as...

1. **Apply for a grant through a health or social care professional or Macmillan nurse**
   - **£10** for a single person
   - **£289** for two people living together (if you’re a couple or a family)

2. **Fill in the grant application with your health or social care professional and they will send it to the grants team at Macmillan**
   - **£85** for each child
   - **£119** for each additional adult (only when their income is relevant to the request)

3. **We’ll process your application the day we receive it**
   - **£289** if approved, payments are usually sent out within 3 working days.

A grant from Macmillan will not normally affect the benefits you’re entitled to. The only case where it might is if you are below State Pension age and are on low income. Payments are small one-off payments made to people with cancer to cover a wide range of practical needs. You can apply for a Macmillan Grant if you have cancer, or if you’re still experiencing side-effects from your illness even a much-needed break.

**We have a range of information**

Another way we can be there to support you is through our range of financial publications:
- Help with the cost of cancer
- Financial Guidance series
- Managing your debt
- Keep warm without the worry

You can order these and other financial support and information booklets from be.macmillan.org.uk, or by calling the Macmillan Support Line. To browse and order from be.macmillan.org.uk, you’ll need to register first. This will take just a few minutes and then you’ll be able to see what’s available.

You can also find a lot of information on our website, such as savings and borrowing guides, free face-to-face benefits advice through our network of Third Sector organisations, and many can be found in locations such as hospitals or cancer care professionals. The amount of money available for grants is limited, so we’re usually only able to offer this kind of support once. Grant awards vary according to your specific needs and circumstances, but the average amount is around £370.

**We are benefits advisers**

Our benefits advisers can help you by working out the financial help you’re entitled to and helping you to access it. They have specialist knowledge of benefits, tax credits and grants and can offer you up-to-date, invaluable advice. You can speak to our benefits advisers over the phone or face-to-face.

Working in partnership with other organisations such as Local Citizens Advice, and local authorities, we can offer free face-to-face benefits advice through our network of Third Sector organisations. Many can be found in locations such as hospitals or cancer care professionals. The average amount is around £370.

**Grant if you have cancer, or**
- help with transport
- help with your heating bills, the cost of travel to and from hospital or help you with transport.

**Energy Advice Team**

The Energy Advice Team will help you to access the schemes available to support you with your gas, electricity and water charges. You can find out more at macmillan.org.uk/energycosts or by calling the Macmillan Support Line (Mon–Fri, 8am–6pm). You may need an assessment from our Welfare Rights Team first so they can ensure your income is maximised.

**We are financial guides**

We are financial guides aimed at assisting people living with cancer. We refer Nationwide and LBG customers to their specialist support services, and they also refer callers to Macmillan to access our wider support offer.

**Working in partnership**

Specialist Support Service Macmillan has worked with Nationwide Building Society and with Lloyds Banking Group (LBG) to train and implement specialist support services aimed at assisting people living with cancer. We refer Nationwide and LBG customers to their specialist support services, and they also refer callers to Macmillan to access our wider support offer.

**Call the Macmillan Support Line free on 0808 808 00 00 (Opening hours vary by service)**