

# The Tracy Sollis Leukaemia Trust - Grants

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## ● The Tracy Sollis Grants support leukaemia patients undergoing treatment.

We are a local Worcestershire charity inviting applications for financial assistance.

Priority will be given to patients living within a 25 mile radius of Evesham who would most benefit from the grant. However an application outside this area will be considered.

To verify that the application is genuine a request is made on the Application Form that it is signed off by a member of the medical profession i.e. doctor, consultant or clinical nurse specialist (C.N.S).

We welcome Grant applications from people who are undergoing treatment or have had a stem cell transplant. You can apply for something that you need, or for something that you have bought or paid for in the last three months following diagnosis.

Tracy Sollis Grants are typically £250. They are awarded on a one-off basis to 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 your time in isolation.
- Help with buying a household item to help reduce the risk of infection after transplant.
- Your extra expense may have a direct link to coronavirus e.g. extra food, technology or cleaning costs while you are 'shielding' in isolation.

## ● Am I eligible for a Grant?

If you would like to apply for Tracy Sollis Grant please first read the **Eligibility Criteria** below.

## ● Eligibility Criteria

You may be considered for a Tracy Sollis Grant if you meet the following eligibility criteria:

- If you have a blood cancer or related blood disorder and/or you're expecting to have a stem cell transplant.
- You are a UK resident.
- Your application for the Grant demonstrates a clear link to the impact of the blood cancer or disorder and/or 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 condition.

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'.

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 treatment and the items or services requested.
- 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 comfort and quality of life is compromised.

## ● How do I apply?

If you are eligible for a Tracy Sollis Grant here's how to apply:

- Complete this [Application Form \(Click Here\)](#).
- We recommend you save it to your computer as you fill it in, so you don't lose any changes.
- When you've finished, email your Application Form to [info@tracysollistrust.org](mailto:info@tracysollistrust.org). We will be in touch with you if we have any questions about your Tracy Sollis Grant application, and to let you know the outcome.

## ● Are other grants available?

- Grants from other charities or organisations are also available - contact your local [Citizen's Advice](#) for details.