

Rebuilding Futures Fund Terms & Conditions

If you have any questions about your application, please call our Meningitis Now Helpline on **0808 80 10 388** or your local Community Support Officer to avoid any unnecessary delays in processing your request.

Award terms and conditions

- The Rebuilding Futures Fund is a financial support programme, offering awards up to £1,000 subject to availability of funds.
- We will consider one successful application per beneficiary, per year.
- Applications can be made by different individuals within one family, but the awards cannot be combined to fund the same item/service.
- In the case of an unsuccessful application, we will reconsider the application if new supporting evidence is available or if the support needs of the individual have changed. In these circumstances a review of support needs will be carried out by a member of the Meningitis Now Helpline team or a Community Support Officer.
- Applications are not means tested* but may be subject to a support assessment** by a member of our support team.
- Funding will only be considered on receipt of a fully completed Rebuilding Futures Fund application form, together with appropriate supporting documentation.
- If the award is a contribution towards an item and you need to seek additional funding elsewhere, we would be happy to issue a letter confirming our commitment to pay.
- Where you are seeking additional funding from Meningitis Now, we will require evidence that the remaining balance for the item is available i.e. copy of bank statement, a commitment to pay letter from other funding source or a receipt for part-payment.
- Rebuilding Futures Fund panel meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month (where possible).
- Meningitis Now does not operate an appeal process; the decision of the Rebuilding Futures Fund panel is final.
- We will endeavour to notify you of the panel decision within five working days of the application being considered.
- Where an application has been successful, payment would normally be made to the individual provider of the item or service.
- Reimbursement of funeral costs and headstones will be considered within six months upon receipt of proof of payment.
- Awards for items and services will not be made retrospectively, with the exception of travel costs to hospital for which prior agreement must be sought from Meningitis Now.
- Any award made for equipment is provided on the basis the equipment is the property and full responsibility of the individual/family. Meningitis Now does not take responsibility for the repair, up-keep, liability (insurance) and disposal of such equipment. In the event of faulty goods (and the item is still within warranty), we can provide proof of purchase upon request. We recommend that expensive equipment should be insured.
- We require that all awards are spent within six months of being approved.
- Successful applicants will be asked to complete an evaluation within six months of the award being funded. It is important that we can demonstrate to our funders and stakeholders, the impact Rebuilding Futures Fund awards have on individuals lives.
- We will endeavour to fund as many awards as possible, but we reserve the right to defer applications to future meetings of the Rebuilding Futures Fund Panel.
- We are entirely dependent on voluntary donations and the Rebuilding Futures Fund is subject to the continued availability of funds.
- Meningitis Now will review its Rebuilding Futures Fund criteria annually and terms and conditions may be subject to change.

* A means test is a financial assessment of a person's eligibility for an award.

**A support assessment involves a discussion around the individual's support needs and award request with a member of the Meningitis Now Helpline or Community Support team. In some cases, a home visit by a Community Support Officer may be appropriate.

Before you apply

Applicants are encouraged to have explored other potential funding channels prior to application, including services or items which should normally be supplied by a statutory body e.g. NHS, local authority or housing association. We recognise that in some cases it can be difficult to access funding via statutory bodies. To discuss this, please call our Meningitis Now Helpline on **0808 80 10 388** or speak to your local Community Support Officer.

Please also check that an award will not impact on any benefits that you may already be receiving.

Refer to the following for guidance:

- Get a benefits check to see if you are entitled to any benefits by visiting **www.gov.uk** or the charity **Turn2Us** which has an online grants search tool to help you find grants or other types of support
- Find out if you can apply for help from your local council or the Social Fund
- If you're in debt, get advice from your local Citizens Advice Bureau (go to **citizensadvice.org.uk**)
- Find out if your local council can help with disability equipment

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