

# FlexiGrant FAQ's

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who is the grant for?

Both grants, FG 1 and FG 2 support families with children affected by SMA and adults living with SMA.

### How many times can I apply?

You can make an application yearly, to either one or both grants.

### Are the grants mean tested?

We do not mean test the grants, but we do ask that you meet the criteria as set out in our FG information.

### Can someone else apply on my behalf?

Yes, a parent/family member or health/social care professional may complete the application on your behalf. However, we will need to be assured you are aware of the application and have given your consent.

### Do you have a funding threshold?

We do, FG 1 = £500 and FG 2 = £600

### What happened if my request exceeds the grant threshold?

We will work with you to obtain all the funding required for your item or in some very exceptional circumstances we may extend the upper limit.

### Can I apply for the £600 to purchase the item myself?

No, we would ask that you state the item required in your application, together with quotes, and we will pay the supply directly on your behalf.

### Do I need to supply support documents?

You will need a diagnosis letter with all applications.

FG 1 – Appointment information and travel details as set out on the application form.

FG 2 – If you are applying for a piece of equipment, we will require a supporting letter from your OT/Physio that this equipment is suitable for you and meets your needs.

We will also require a quote/invoice that enables us to pay the supplier directly.

These documents can be attached to the application as required.

We will not fund anything that is part of statutory provision.

### Can I use this grant to loan equipment?

No, this grant scheme doesn't cover loans or pays for items retrospectively.

### Can you reimburse me if I have already purchased the item?

No, we cannot pay for items retrospectively.

### Do you have a list of items you can't fund?

We can't fund equipment or services that are provided through the NHS. We can't pay debts, fund large household items or contribute toward adaptations, holidays or wheelchairs. Wheelchair funding is considered through our SMARt Moves Scheme: <https://smauk.org.uk/support-information/smart-moves-grant-empowering-the-sma-communitiy-through-mobility/>

### When will I hear if my application has been successful?

We will come back to you within 3 days to let you know we have received your application and within two weeks with a response to your request.

### I have questions, who can I ask?

If you have any questions or would like support to complete the form, you can call our office on 01789 267520 or email [flexigrants@smauk.org.uk](mailto:flexigrants@smauk.org.uk)



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