Grant Making Policy

Tina's Trust | Scottish charity number SC054353

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Our purpose and eligibility

Tina's Trust offers small grants to ease the pressures on UK families caring at home for someone with early or young onset FTD, and to help families make happy memories. We are entirely volunteer-run. Grants must further our charitable purposes and are subject to available funds.

To be eligible, the family must be based in the UK, the person receiving care must have FTD and meet our early onset criteria (onset of symptoms before age 65) and they must be cared for at home. A family carer or authorised representative may apply. We ask for an approximate date of FTD diagnosis; we do not require medical documents or detailed health information as part of the application.

What a grant can support

Examples include essential living costs and bills; equipment, practical adaptations and mobility aids; continuing much-loved hobbies; family days out; short breaks; and other opportunities to make happy memories. These are examples rather than an exhaustive list. Trustees consider whether the requested support benefits the family and is consistent with our charitable purposes.

A grant may cover all or part of a request. Please check with us before committing to a purchase or booking in anticipation of support.

How to apply

Email tinastrust2025@gmail.com with an expression of interest. We will explain the next steps and, where appropriate, provide a full application form to return by email. We may clarify the support requested and information about the family's circumstances relevant to the grant. The health information we ask for is limited to an approximate FTD diagnosis date. Please do not send medical documents or detailed health information, or unnecessary identifying details about children. Tell us if you need help completing the application or an adjustment to the process.

Our Privacy Policy explains how application information, including the approximate diagnosis date, is used. Applying as a family carer is separate from having legal authority to consent to use of another adult's health information. Contact us if you are unsure about consent or authority. Assessment and decisions

Trustees consider eligibility, the family and financial circumstances relevant to the request, caring responsibilities, how the grant would help, the amount requested and the funds available. We do not require medical evidence or assess clinical severity. Applications are considered individually and fairly, without requiring publicity or a donation in return. Personal circumstances are treated sensitively.

A trustee who has a personal connection or another conflict of interest must declare it and take no part in the assessment or decision where the conflict requires withdrawal. Grant approvals follow our governing document and financial controls. We keep a proportionate record of the decision and reasons.

We communicate the decision by email and explain any conditions. If an application is unsuccessful, we provide an appropriate explanation. Applying does not guarantee an award; funding pressure may mean we cannot support every eligible application. We will keep you informed if a decision is delayed.

Payment and repeat applications

For an approved grant, we confirm the amount, approved purpose, payment arrangements and any proportionate evidence of use required before payment. Payment is made to the family, a supplier or either. Please contact us before changing the agreed purpose or if the support is no longer needed. We agree appropriate next steps for unused funds in accordance with the grant terms.

Families may apply more than once. There is no fixed limit on the number of applications, but each request is assessed afresh. Earlier support does not guarantee further funding.

Review and complaints

If you believe we have misunderstood information or made a procedural error, email tinastrust2025@gmail.com to request a review and explain the issue. A trustee who was not involved in the original decision reviews it where practicable; anyone with a conflict withdraws. We aim to respond within 28 days and explain any delay. A review does not guarantee a different outcome or additional funding.

Concerns about how you have been treated or how the process was handled can be raised under our Complaints Policy. Our Privacy Policy explains confidentiality and record retention. We review this policy at least annually and when our grant arrangements change.