



Cystic Fibrosis Ireland provides a range of grants and support services for members which are available provided an application is made, the grant criteria are met and sufficient resources are available. See below for more information.

Exercise Grant Scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to provide financial assistance to PWCF for gym membership fees, purchasing exercise equipment, fitness lessons etc. Over 600 members have applied for and been awarded this grant since 2009.



What is it worth?

The maximum value of this grant is €300 for PWCF over 16 years of age, and €250 for PWCF under 16 years of age.

How do I apply?

An Exercise Grant Application form and a receipt or official quotation (to show what it is you have bought, or what it is you intend to buy) must be sent to the CFI National Office by a particular deadline. The Application form and Guidance Notes for this scheme will be made available for download under the Grants & Services section of our website. Members are advised to read the grant guidelines in advance of applying for this grant.

When can I apply?

There are two rounds to this scheme each year. Round 1 usually opens at the beginning of the year and Round 2 opens at the end of summer. Keep an eye on our website and in *Spectrum* for further updates.

Can I apply again?

Members can avail of the grant for three consecutive calendar years – there must then be a break of one year.

Transplant Assessment/Review and Transplant Grant Scheme

We provide financial assistance towards incidental expenses (accommodation, meals and transport) incurred to members and their families who must travel for transplant assessment, transplant and follow-up phases.

What is it worth?

The transplant assessment/review grant is €300. The transplant grant is €850 for members attending the Mater Hospital in Dublin, and €1,200 for those attending the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle, UK.

How do I apply?

In order to avail of the transplant assessment grant, a copy of the original letter from Newcastle/Mater stating the date and time of appointment for assessment must be sent to CFI.

CFI should be contacted directly by a member of the CF/Transplant team or by the next-of-kin of the PWCF for the transplant grant.

When can I apply?

Application should be made as soon as notification of appointment or assessment is sent to the family. CFI cannot issue this grant to members retrospectively.

Can I apply again?

Applicants can reapply for support for assessment and transplantation.





Fertility Grant Scheme

What is it worth?

The maximum value of the Fertility Grant for first-time applicants is €3,000. The value of the grant for second-time applicants is €2,000.



How do I apply?

A Fertility Grant Application form and supporting documentation from your CF Consultant and the fertility clinic you plan on attending must be sent to the CFI National Office by a particular deadline.

The Application form and Guidance Notes will be made available under the Grants & Services section of our website once the scheme is announced (normally early summer). Members are advised to read the grant guidelines carefully in advance of applying for this grant.

When can I apply?

Keep an eye out in *Spectrum* or look on our website for more information on this scheme.

Can I apply again?

Members can currently apply to this scheme up to a maximum of two times.

Social and Distress Scheme

CF Ireland has limited funds available under the Social and Distress scheme to lend assistance to families of children with CF and adults with CF who are experiencing certain difficulties or financial hardship.

Requests for support through this scheme must generally be accompanied by a letter of support from the Social Worker/other health professional who has been involved in supporting the PWCF, MABS or the CWO.

Counselling Referral

CF Ireland offers a counselling referral service to members who wish to speak with a professional outside of the hospital environment to work through their concerns and difficulties.

How do I apply?

There is no formal application process in place for members to avail of this service. CFI should be contacted directly, or a family member could contact us on your behalf.

CF Ireland approves four sessions initially with a counsellor – additional sessions will be subject to approval. All referrals are treated in the strictest of confidence.

When can I apply?

Members can avail of these services at any time.

Can I apply again?

This is not an ongoing service for members; however, if after the initial four sessions you feel that additional counselling would be greatly beneficial; please get in touch with us to discuss the possibility of extending this service further.



Further Information:

If you have feedback on any of our existing schemes, or would like to see us focus on other ways we can help our members, please do get in touch – we are here to help!

For more information on any of these grants, please contact: Alica May / Services and Information Officer /
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