



Travel for Short Breaks Grant

covers the cost of travelling to and from our short break facilities.



Who can apply for a Travel for Short Breaks grant?

- All families residing on the island of Ireland who are living with a child diagnosed with cancer 0-24 and who wish to avail of a Short Break.
- Young Shoulders Programme (NI only).
- Bereaved families (NI only).

How do I apply for a Travel for Short Breaks Grant?

You can complete a Travel for Short Breaks grant application form which includes estimated mileage for the short break return journey. These forms will be sent out to you along with your Short Break booking confirmation.

How is the grant paid?

The Travel for Short Break grant is paid into the nominated bank account by the Finance Department, based in Cancer Fund for Children's Head Office.

What if I don't have a bank account?

A cheque can be issued to a third party and lodged into their account or a BACS payment can be issued with written consent from the person submitting the grant application.

Are Cancer Fund for Children's grants means-tested?

None of the grants offered by Cancer Fund for Children are means-tested.

Can grants be backdated?

Unfortunately grants can not be backdated.

How much can I apply for?

The entire return journey from the family home to the Short Break destination. At a rate of 15 pence per mile from Northern Ireland (NI) and 21 cents from the Republic of Ireland (ROI).

How are grant applications validated?

- In NI, Cancer Fund for Children Specialists will approve all applications.
- Applications for families travelling from ROI will initially be approved by the Social Work teams based in treatment centres throughout ROI and thereafter signed off by a member of the Cancer Fund for Children Services Team.
- In all cases signatures and dates are required.

How will I be notified that my grant has been paid?

You will receive a grant gift card on the day the money is paid into the nominated bank account.

What are Cancer Fund for Children's financial safeguards around personal banking details?

Once approved by the Director of Services and Services Manager the completed grant application forms are sent to the Finance Department. These copies are stored securely in the Finance Department for audit purposes and in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Cancer Fund for Children's, Internet banking system operates within stringent procedures and safeguards.