



Sunshine in Hospitals Grant

Application Guidance

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About Rays of Sunshine

Rays of Sunshine exists to brighten the lives of children aged three to 18 across the UK who are living with a serious or life-limiting illness. Since our formation in 2003, we have reached over 80,000 young people and their families through granting magical wishes and providing ongoing support in hospitals and hospices across the UK.

Our Sunshine in Hospitals programme aims to improve the mental health and wellbeing of children receiving treatment in hospital through providing fun and engaging activity days, sensory resources, and ward wishes.

As part of this programme, we are delighted to introduce the Sunshine in Hospitals Grant, a £20,000 grant aimed at hospitals, hospices and other healthcare settings who are supporting seriously ill children between the ages of three and 18. This document is intended to provide an overview of the grant application process and our eligibility criteria, and we advise that you read it carefully before beginning an application.

Sunshine in Hospitals Grant

The Sunshine in Hospitals Grant aims to provide one-off sum of up to £20,000 to a UK hospital, hospice, or other healthcare setting to fund a project which provides support to seriously ill young people aged three to 19.

Who we support

We provide support to UK registered charities affiliated to a hospital, hospice, or other healthcare setting.

To be eligible, your project must seek to support young people aged three to 19 in the UK who meet Rays of Sunshine's **medical criteria** while they are receiving treatment in a hospital, hospice, or other healthcare setting.

You must also have an up-to-date Children and Young People Safeguarding Policy in place in your organisation's name and be able to provide evidence of this upon request.

Key focus areas

The Grant aims to support innovative new projects which have a real and long-lasting impact on young patients and their families. To be eligible, projects must seek to contribute towards the achievement of one or more of Rays of Sunshine's key aims:

- Reduce anxiety surrounding the hospital/hospice environment.
- Reduce sense of loneliness and isolation.
- Improve mental wellbeing of both seriously ill children and their families.
- Enhancing the hospital or hospice experience for seriously ill children and their families.

In addition, we recognise that the unique needs and challenges faced by seriously ill teenagers undergoing treatment are often not fully considered, meaning there are generally fewer age-appropriate resources available to them during their hospital stays. As such, the Selection Committee particularly welcomes applications for projects which seek to benefit young people aged 13 to 19.

Grant size & length

A single grant of up to £20,000 is available to cover project costs only, excluding salaries. The funding is intended to cover activity for up to 12 months, but we are looking for projects which can demonstrate sustainability beyond this period to make a real and lasting difference to young patients.

This grant is intended to fully fund the proposed project or one distinct element of it; Rays of Sunshine will not make a general contribution towards project costs.

For smaller grants of £1,000 and £5,000, please see our [Hospital Ward Wish programme](#).

What we fund

Rays of Sunshine is looking fund innovative new solutions to the challenges faced by seriously ill young people in hospitals; as such, we would prefer to fund new projects as opposed to the continuation of existing work.

Examples of suitable projects would include:

- Interactive spaces designed specifically for teenagers
- Family suite
- Soft-play room

Applications will be assessed on:

- Strength of project – how well it has been scoped in terms of need and impact.
- Innovation – how well project finds new ways of solving existing issues for seriously ill children.
- Potential number of beneficiaries.
- Project sustainability & long-term impact.

What we don't fund

There are some things we are unfortunately unable to fund:

- Individuals
- Charities or organisations which are not affiliated to a UK hospital, hospice, or other healthcare setting
- Core costs, including salaries
- Medical equipment which should be funded by the NHS
- Projects where the primary activity is mentoring/counselling
- Projects which have already taken place (retrospective funding)

Application process and timeline

Check our eligibility checklist below to ensure your organisation and project are eligible.

Complete online application form and submit by **18/06/21**.

All applications to be reviewed by Rays of Sunshine selection panel, with decisions communicated by **02/07/21** - please note, due to an expected high level of interest, it will not be possible for Rays of Sunshine to provide individual feedback on unsuccessful applications.

Funding to be awarded from **19/07/21**.

Eligibility Checklist

Please consult this checklist carefully before beginning your application to make sure you are eligible for a grant.

ARE YOU...

- A UK registered charity affiliated to a hospital, hospice, or other healthcare setting?
- Applying for funding to cover the cost of a specific project, or one distinct part of a project?
- Aiming to provide support to seriously ill young people* aged three to 19 while they are receiving treatment in hospitals, hospices, or other healthcare settings?
- Able to confirm that your project does not meet any of our exclusion criteria, as laid out in our Application Guidance?
- Able to provide details and evidence of a UK bank account if successful?
- Able to provide evidence of a Children and Young People Safeguarding Policy in your organisation's name?
- If the answer to any of the above questions is 'no', you are unfortunately not eligible to apply to the Sunshine in Hospitals Grant.
- If you have answered 'yes' to all of the above, please click [here](#) to continue to the application form.

*As defined by Rays of Sunshine's medical criteria.