

Mali Jenkins Fund

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Mali Jenkins founded Parkinson's UK (then called the Parkinson's Disease Society) in 1969 after one of her sisters was diagnosed with Parkinson's and she saw how little support there was available.

The Mali Jenkins Fund, set up in her memory, gives one-off grants to people living with Parkinson's. It aims to provide items that will improve quality of life.

The fund is limited, so applications are assessed on the basis of need and on the impact the grant will have. A funding panel meets every two months to consider applications. The panel includes people with Parkinson's, relevant healthcare professionals, and members of the Advisory Services team.

Please note that only complete application forms, submitted with the relevant supporting documents, can be considered and that not all applications are successful. The guidance notes below detail what the fund supports and how to apply.

If you have any questions about the fund or about filling in the application form, please call our helpline on 0808 800 0303 Monday to Friday 9am-8pm and Saturday 10am-2pm (calls are free from UK landlines and most mobile networks). Textphone users can call our Text Relay number: **18001 0808 800 0303**. Our email address is hello@parkinsons.org.uk. Your local information and support worker may be able to help you fill out the form if necessary. To find your nearest information and support worker, contact the helpline or search the 'Local to you' section of our website parkinsons.org.uk

Eligibility

People with Parkinson's (or other forms of progressive parkinsonism) living in the UK and with less than £10,000 in personal savings, or less than £15,000 in joint savings as a couple, may apply. Successful applicants cannot reapply to the fund for two years after their grant. Priority will be given to individuals applying for the first time.

Funding categories and limits

The fund covers:	
Equipment or home adaptations	Up to £1,500
Respite breaks	Up to £1,000
Other items (e.g. domestic goods)	Up to £500

Grants are usually made towards a single item. Please choose the item you need the most. If the item you require costs more than the category limit, it is important to show how the difference would be met.

The fund does not cover:
Ongoing costs or regular payments (e.g. care fees, bills, insurance, medical treatment or debts)
Retrospective funding, i.e. items which have already been paid for or to which payment has been committed
Holidays
Items for which statutory funding is available

Supporting documents

- **Professional letter:** applicants must provide a letter of support for their application from a relevant professional. The letter should explain and indicate
 - any relevant background information
 - why the item is suitable for you
 - how it will improve your quality of life

For an item of equipment or home adaptation, a letter from an occupational therapist, physiotherapist, or speech and language therapist (as appropriate for the equipment/adaptation in question) is required.

For respite or any other items, a letter from a Parkinson's UK information and support worker, your GP, Parkinson's nurse, social worker or other professional who knows you well, may be suitable.

- **Quotes:** applicants must provide two quotes for the item in question. This is to show that the cost is reasonable and the item represents value for money. If the application is for a contribution towards something where the majority of funding is coming from other sources, one quote is enough.

Further notes

If statutory funding could be available for the item you require, please explore this first. The social services department of your local authority might be able to help with home adaptations, wheelchairs, other equipment or funding for respite. If you are unable to obtain statutory funding, please send us documents confirming this.

If you are applying for respite, please note that the panel defines respite as a break which relieves a carer of their caring responsibilities. We are unable to fund holidays.

It is necessary to include an appropriate letter of professional support, but your own thoughts are important in supporting the application too. If you need more space please attach an extra sheet to explain why the item would be beneficial.

Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis and the panel may not always grant the full amount requested.

What happens next

Once you have submitted an application, we will confirm that we've received it. If we need further information we will let you know at this stage. If the application is complete, it will be considered at the next panel meeting. You will be notified of the outcome the week after the meeting.

If your application is unsuccessful, it will not affect any future applications you might make.

If your application is successful, the cheque will be made payable, wherever possible, to the supplier of the service or product. We request that you provide a receipt of purchase.

Information provided in application forms is stored confidentially, in accordance with the Data Protection Act, for seven years. It will not be used for any other purposes.

Office use only: Grant reference number

Application form

Please read the guidance notes on pages 1 and 2 before making an application.
Contact the Parkinson's UK helpline on **0808 800 0303** with any questions.

Section 1 Applicant details

Title Forename Surname

Address

..... Postcode

Telephone number Email

Date of birth

Do you have Parkinson's? Yes No

If yes, how long have you had Parkinson's? years months

Have you applied for the Fund before? Yes Date No

If you are not the applicant but are the main point of contact for the person with Parkinson's
(i.e. acting as their advocate or representative) please state:

Relationship (e.g. partner, professional, son/daughter)

Title Forename Surname

Address

..... Postcode

Telephone number Email

Date of birth

What is the best way to contact you? Telephone Email Letter

Section 2 **Item requested** (please tick or describe the item you're applying for)

Equipment or home adaptation (£1,500 limit)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Riser/recliner chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Walker or walking frame |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Profiling bed | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric scooter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair or powerpack | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightwriter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other equipment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom or shower adaptation | <input type="checkbox"/> Central heating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flooring | <input type="checkbox"/> Ramps for wheelchair access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Stairlift |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other adaptation | |

Respite (£1,000 limit)

From to

Details of respite

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Other item (£500 limit)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Washer/dryer | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooker or microwave |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mattress | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other item | |
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Section 3 Cost

Total cost of item / adaptation / respite break £

Amount requested from the Fund £

If the cost of the item is more than you are requesting, or more than the maximum the fund can provide, please explain how the difference will be met (e.g. your own contribution, friends and family, grants from other charities).

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If the application is successful, who should the cheque be made payable to?
(This will normally be the company supplying the service or product)

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Section 4 Personal statement

Please explain the impact that the item, adaptation or respite break would have.
Please attach an extra sheet if necessary.

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Section 5 Finances

Savings and investments

Please provide the total sum of any savings or investments you have. Please include your partner's savings too if you are living together as part of a couple. If you are making a contribution from your savings, please indicate this and state the amount remaining.

Total savings (total sum held in bank accounts and/or building societies, stocks and shares, gilts, bonds, ISAs or any other savings). If you have no savings, state this with a zero.

£

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Benefits you receive (please tick all that apply)

- Disabled Living Allowance mobility component Lower Higher
- Disabled Living Allowance care component Lowest Middle Highest
- Attendance Allowance Lower Higher
- Employment and Support Allowance Contributory Income-related
- Jobseeker's Allowance Contributory Income-based
- Incapacity Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit
- Housing Benefit
- Income Support
- Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit

Section 6 Supporting information

We can only consider applications that provide appropriate supporting information.

Have you included a letter from a relevant professional? Yes No

Have you included two quotes? Yes No

Do you give us permission to contact the professional if necessary? Yes No

Section 7 Declaration

Applicant: The information supplied in this application form is accurate and complete.

Name

Signature Date

Advocate or representative: The information supplied in this application form is accurate and complete.

Name

Signature Date

Please return the completed application form and supporting documents to:

Advisory Services Team, Parkinson's UK,
215 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1EJ

Monitoring form

This information is helpful to us in monitoring the effectiveness of our service. Any information given will be separated from your application, kept confidential, and won't affect the outcome of the application.

Which age group do you belong to?

- Under 60 60-80 80+

How would you identify your ethnic background?

- White Mixed race Asian or Asian British
 Black or Black British Chinese Other

How did you hear about the Mali Jenkins Fund?

- Branch Information and support worker Parkinson's UK literature (leaflet, poster)
 The Parkinson Parkinson's UK website Word of mouth
 Healthcare professional – please give details

- Other – please give details

What other sources of funding have you applied for?

- Independent Living Fund
 Statutory funding, such as Disabled Facilities Grant or Home Improvement Grant
 Other charity – please give details
- None

Every hour, someone in the UK is told they have Parkinson's. Because we're here, no one has to face Parkinson's alone.

We bring people with Parkinson's, their carers and families together via our network of local groups, our website and free confidential helpline. Specialist nurses, our supporters and staff provide information and training on every aspect of Parkinson's.

As the UK's Parkinson's support and research charity we're leading the work to find a cure, and we're closer than ever. We also campaign to change attitudes and demand better services.

Our work is totally dependent on donations. Help us to find a cure and improve life for everyone affected by Parkinson's.

Parkinson's UK

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