

# Cost of Living Additional Support

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## Community Support Programme

This programme supports families as they make life changing decisions to improve their lives. The project can help families find suitable education, employment and training opportunities, helps develop parenting skills and build better family relationships, offer support with money management and benefit advice, and more.

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## Food Banks

Food banks provide valuable assistance to communities and help provide essential items and groceries to people in need. Follow the link below to view an interactive map of foodbanks across Northern Ireland.

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## Direct Payments

Direct payments are local Health and Social Care (HSC) Trust payments for people who have been assessed as needing help from social services and, would like to arrange and pay for their own care and support services instead of receiving them directly from the local Trust. The support you receive will depend on the needs assessment of your local Trust.

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## MacMillan

Macmillan Grants are a one-off payment of £300 to help with the extra costs that living with cancer can bring.

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## Disabled Facilities Grant

This grant from the Housing Executive helps to adapt the home of a person with a disability and is based on the recommendation of an occupational therapist. Owner occupiers, landlords or private tenants can get help to carry out adaptations if there is a person with a disability living in the house.

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## Debt Advice

If you are in debt, there are services in Northern Ireland that can help you manage your debt, speak to creditors on your behalf and assist in drawing up household budget.

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## Access to Work Northern Ireland

This scheme helps support people with a disability who would like to take up employment or who are in work and are experiencing a difficulty related to their disability. It offers advice and help in a flexible way that can be tailored to suit the needs of an individual. The programme can also help employers who wish to recruit or retain people with disabilities in employment.

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## Turn2Us Grant Finder

This search tool allows you to see what grants may be available to you. You can filter your search based on your occupation, medical condition, area you live in, and more. Remember, you do not have to repay a grant.

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## Help With School Costs

If your child is in full-time education and you receive a qualifying benefit, you might be eligible for free school meals, transport to and from school, and/or a grant to help buy school uniforms.

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## Transport Costs

There are different concessions for public transport costs around Northern Ireland.

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