



How we work out your monthly grant.

How do we decide how much to give you?

We will ask you to complete an application form which details your current financial circumstances.

We use figures produced annually by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation for a Minimum Income Standard (MIS), that is the minimum amount that someone needs for a reasonable acceptable standard of living.

Grants are based on the make-up of your household. Your household includes partners, and children in full-time primary or secondary education. We do not include adult children at university.

Depending on your circumstances, there may be two parts to your monthly grant: living expenses and housing costs

Living expenses grant

Living expenses include everything other than housing costs, childcare costs and care costs. However, we do acknowledge that there are additional costs associated with mental health, disability and caring needs and we therefore have two bands of support:

90% Minimum Income Standard – for those with disability/health/caring needs/responsibilities

80% Minimum Income Standard – households where a member does not have the above needs (80% MIS is based on the Society's resources and the number of households that we need to consider supporting.)

Housing costs grant

Given the huge variation in housing costs, we treat these separately from daily living expenses. Although we use the Joseph Rowntree Foundation figures for housing costs as a guide, your grant will be determined by your *actual* housing costs, considering any housing benefits you receive. In some circumstances, we can provide full support with your rent or mortgage for a short time.