



Applicant Selection Process and General Criteria

Grants will be awarded monthly to eligible applicants on an objective and non-discriminatory basis. All eligible applications will be reviewed by The Susie Foundation's Board of Directors Program Committee and award recipients will be chosen through majority vote. This vote will be based upon a number of specific selection criteria, as well as overall fund availability.

The Susie Foundation's Flex Grant selection criteria are as follows:

- The applicant completes the grant application in its entirety and returns all necessary forms to The Susie Foundation;
- The applicant is in no way directly related to any of the directors of the organization;
- The applicant resides in New England and provides proof of having received a definitive diagnosis of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) from their physician, neurologist, or social worker/case manager;
- First-time applicants and those with especially dire and/or debilitating personal, psychological, familial, medical, or financial circumstances are also given priority.

Recipients may apply for and receive grants up to \$1,000 each, but it is up to the applicant to state in their application how much they are applying for and exactly what the assistance will help to cover.

Award Acceptance and Reimbursement Process

Candidates will be notified of their selection via email during the first week of the month succeeding the month during which they apply. If accepted for funding, grant recipients will receive direct reimbursement for expenses. This payment is typically processed via check mailed directly to the applicant, but The Susie Foundation is happy to make accommodations to provide payment to directly to various vendors.

Grantee Eligibility for Future Grant Periods

Any applicant who is selected for funding is eligible to re-apply, limit one application every three months and \$3,000 of total funding per applicant per calendar year.