

## Charlie Bird Development Fund (CBDF) Recharge Grant

We are so thankful to Charlie and Claire who have dedicated all their time and energy to making their "Climb with Charlie" so successful. It is their wish that monies raised for IMNDA go towards a project that makes a difference to the lives of those who live with this disease.

The IMNDA's Mission is to support people living with motor neurone disease (MND), their families and carers through advocacy, home and professional support. We keep clients at the heart of everything we do that we understand the impact of our work. After our survey with clients, family and carers, on their needs, we have established a Recharge grant.

"I so happy that part of the funds from Climb with Charlie are used for this purpose. Motor Neurone is a dreadful disease for people living with and indeed for their carers as well. So, anything that can give people a short break is a lovely idea. I always wanted the funds raised from Climb with Charlie to directly benefit those who are suffering from this terminal illness and also those who are caring for them. So well done, I love this initiative and please please I would encourage you to go for this lovely short break. I know what people with MND are going through and those who are caring for us, I believe even a short break would be welcomed," said Charlie Bird.

## **Recharge Grant How to Apply**

As a result of the GBDF we will provide a grant of max €600 per family, per year to have a hotel break in Ireland. The hotels we have collaborated with are:

- iNUA <u>https://www.inua.ie/</u> offer 20% discount on stay
- So Hotel group <a href="https://www.sohotels.ie/">https://www.sohotels.ie/</a> offer 10% discount on stay use code "IMN10"

## Criteria for grant approval

You or your relative has a confirmed diagnosis of MND and is registered with the IMNDA

You are living in Ireland

You can apply for the grant from IMNDA Nursing and Services team or a health care professional

Once approved you will receive a service requisition to use when reserving your accommodation in one of the hotels collaborating with IMNDA: SO hotel Group and iNUA group

Discount code for Hotel is given to client when making booking

IMNDA staff are not involved in the hotel booking process, this is up to the individual making the booking. IMNDA have no influence on availably of accommodation in the hotels

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The person making the booking is to inform the hotel of any special requirements for the stay, i.e. accessible room, dietary requests, when making the booking.

The grant can be used for B&B, food and beverage and spa treatment. Alcohol beverage is not covered by this grant.

The hotel will request a credit card on checking in, as per hotel policy

Once approved, the grant must be used with the year of approval. ie if the grant is approve in June 2023, it must be used by 31/12/2023

Invoice will be sent to IMNDA from the hotel with your requisition number given to you by IMNDA

IMNA are not responsible for no shows or cancellation of booking. The cancellation policy of the hotel stands. The cancellation for booking is 24 hours in advance of stay.

If the grant is not used due to illness, please inform the IMNDA immediately. The IMNDA will still be charged for the 'no show'.