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One of the things as a grandparent that I have problems with is how quickly you have to use saved money that youve spent your work life on to achieve desired results. We get told when we take on our grandchildren that our lives are no longer our own and sadly thats correct. Even though we get an allowance especially in the formative first few years of taking on our kids the financial burden is heavy. For many it may mean moving house or even an area so that your not harrassed or abused by other family members who are not happy with the judgement of the court. This often seriously depletes grandparent savings. Outside school programs are not considered in costs for kids and once again grandparents delve into their savings to give kids the best opportunity possible. Especially with the costs of registration and insurances and uniforms that many out of school sport and dance programs reuire. Surely we can find a way to help with this ensuring the longetivity of kids attending dance and sport. Holidays, most of us grandparents have skimped and saved for holidays which we can no longer afford to take as instead of paying for 2, your paying also for your grandkids. Some form of holiday assistance is greatly required. I spend the majority of my girls allowance on rent, which my daughter not the mother of the children helps with so that we can live close to her and in a good home. Over the past couple of years with rising costs i now see her family going without to substitute ours. We need to take the high rents into account. Thanks for listening to me. [REDACTED].