

TRANSFORMATION CORNWALL[†]

Strengthening Faith Based Social Action in Cornwall

Hardship Grants for Individuals in Need

1st April 2022

We have created this list of hardship grants for individuals in need which includes a huge range of grants for those who have worked in certain professions (including retail, construction, fishing, farming etc), support for disabled people, grants for education and retraining, young people, and so much more.

We also maintain a list of created a list of possible funding that might be suitable for some of our wonderful Foodbanks, community groups, grassroots organisations and Faith based social action projects in Cornwall. You can find the list here:

<https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/resources/transformation-cornwall-grants-list>

Please contact funders directly with queries on their grant programmes but do please get in touch with Transformation Cornwall if we can help to support you in any way: Info info@transformation-cornwall.org.uk

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The 7 Stars Foundation

<https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk/apply/direct-funding-application>

The 7 Stars Foundation supports the most challenged young people in the United Kingdom. Assisting forgotten young people aged 16 years and under, lacking opportunity, to achieve their potential.

Foundation funding looks to support those challenged by abuse; addiction; those who are young carers; and those without a safe place to call home

For Direct funding requests on behalf of individual young people by outreach/social/care workers and/or legal professionals, All applications must be submitted by the supporting professional.

ABTA LifeLine

<https://www.abtalifeline.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/7/15/covid19support>

ABTA LifeLine is ABTA's charity offering support to people who work, or have ever worked, for an ABTA Member. Spouses/partners, widows/widowers and children of employees are also eligible.

If you have been made redundant, furloughed or self-employed and are struggling to manage during the pandemic ABTA LifeLine will do what they can to help you and your family in your time of need. All applications will be assessed fairly but with priority given to those most adversely affected.

They can support you with emergency food vouchers, urgent financial advice, help in changing careers, and mental health support (through their partner The Centre for Crisis Psychology).

See website for more details or call: 0203 693 0170

Acts 435:

<https://acts435.org.uk/how/get-help?region=south-west>

Acts 435 was inspired by the works of the early church, as described in Acts 4:35. The early disciples of the risen Christ shared their possessions, and passed money to the apostles to give to anyone who had need. Acts 435 seeks to work primarily through local churches and be a resource for them as they reach out to their local community.

People can apply for help up to three times, asking for up to a maximum of £360 per household. The current cap on requests is £150 for specific items (eg. a cooker, a bed) and £100 for more general requests (eg. clothing, food, household goods).

Individual applicants applying for help must live or work in the local church's wider community and be known to the church or participating charity or to an organisation the church has partnered with to reach more people in need. Where the people are not well-known to our advocates, Acts 435 requires that they produce proof of their identity before the advocate posts their need. Acts 435 accepts requests for the Debt Relief Order fee of £90. Churches and charities are finding Acts 435 a particularly good resource for this as not many other funders will consider it and yet it can make a huge difference to those in poverty.

To find out more please look at the weblink above and go down the list to find your nearest Acts 435 church/charity.

The Adamson Trust

<https://www.theadamsontrust.co.uk/index.html>

The purpose of the Trust is to provide assistance with the cost of holidays and/or respite breaks for young people aged over 2 years or 17 and under with either a physical or mental disability. The Trust provide small grants to families, please note applications do require supporting evidence such as a letter from your GP, hospital or Health professional.

*Please check website for application deadline.

The Addington Fund

<https://www.addingtonfund.org.uk/>

Short-term financial aid to farmers and farm businesses in England and Wales when an emergency situation has or will create unforeseen additional expenditure.

People directly connected to agriculture who live in England and Wales and who are experiencing hardship due to exceptional circumstances may apply. Match funding is not a stipulated requirement of the scheme. Applicants are strongly advised to contact the Fund directly to discuss any restrictions prior to applying.

The Addington Fund has 2 **grant funds available**:

1. Farmworker Grants

For those who work in or are retired from farming in England and Wales and are on a low income, the [Addington Fund's Farmworker Grants scheme](#) can help purchase essential goods for homes. Grants of up to £600 (and in some circumstances up to £1000) can be provided to cover the costs of white goods for the home, bathroom equipment or other essential furnishings. Grants can be awarded to you if you are or were employed on a farm, are resident in England, or are a widow, widower, a son or daughter or a dependent of someone who works or has worked in farming.

2. Disaster Relief Emergency Fund

The Emergency Fund can be used to support farms which are severely impacted by a disease outbreak or prolonged inclement weather. The Fund can send much needed supplies direct to a farm so that livestock do not have to go without.

The Fund can also be used to support farms and protect animal welfare when the weather has a major impact. When severe flooding, drought, gales and snow drifts cause problems, Addington can send essential commodities such as compound feeds, silage, hay, straw and straights to a farm.

You can apply directly by contacting the office for an application form on 01926 620135 or enquiries@addingtonfund.org.uk or someone organisation can apply on your behalf. This could be your GP or someone from the community, Social Services, [British Legion](#) or the farming help charities such as the [Farming Community Network](#) or [RABI](#). *Applications may be made at any time.

Al-Mizan Charitable Trust: General Welfare Fund

<http://www.almizantrust.org.uk/general-description-gwf>

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The General Welfare Fund provides small grants up to £500 to individuals, regardless of their faith or cultural background, who are in financial hardship or need, because of poverty, deprivation, or disadvantage.

Funding is available for a range of goods and services that would better the beneficiary's circumstances and situation, and help them break out of the vicious cycle of poverty. To be eligible to apply, you must be living in the UK and have British citizenship. As well as UK nationals, this includes people who are EEA nationals; have discretionary or indefinite leave to remain; are on study or work visas; have spouse sponsorship; or are asylum seekers, refugees, have humanitarian protection, or are appealing a Home Office decision.

Whilst grants are offered up to £500, the average grant size is between £200 and £250.

The Ambulance Staff Trust

<https://www.theasc.org.uk/services-we-offer/financial-wellbeing/>

The Ambulance Staff Trust offers financial wellbeing support services to any serving or retired ambulance staff and their close family members.

They will consider requests for financial wellbeing support and also offer a free, confidential financial wellbeing clinic twice a week to provide free benefits checks and information on other forms of support you may be eligible for.

See website for more details or call: Freephone 02477 987 922

B & CE Charitable Trust Hardship Grants

<https://bandce.co.uk/corporate-responsibility/the-charitable-trust/for-times-of-need/>

The B&CE Charitable Trust provides a range of awards, grants and financial support to individuals. You could be eligible for help if you currently work in construction or if you've done so previously. The trust also offers mental and physical health advice, and guidance about housing and social welfare.

See website for more details or call: 0808 801 0372

The Bakers Benevolent Society

<http://bakersbenevolent.co.uk/about/financial-assistance/>

Supports those who have retired from the baking industry or it's allied trades. Tel: 01992 575951

Barchester's Charitable Foundation

<https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/apply-grant>

Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a registered charity that helps older people and other adults with a physical or learning disability or with mental health problems across England, Scotland & Wales. Our funding focus is about connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. We support applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged.

*NB. ALL referrals must be made through a third party who knows the individual in a professional or community-based capacity. This could be a Barchester staff member, healthcare professional, a social worker, charity or support group representative.

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For more examples of who could sponsor your application please contact the grants team for guidance.

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme

<https://www.familyfundserves.co.uk/emergency-essentials/>

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances, and is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services critical to a child's wellbeing.

*All applications must be made by a registered referrer.

BEN the Automotive Industry Support Service

<https://ben.org.uk/our-services/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus-help/how-we-can-help/>

BEN supports people who've worked in the automotive industry and their families. The helpline can provide lots of information and support re debt, but they also provide short-term, one-off urgent need grants to support individuals. This may include support for utility bills such as gas and electricity, council tax, provision of food / household goods, telecommunications, emergency fuel, essential travel costs and childcare.

Priority will be given to those individuals who are directly impacted by Covid-19 specifically related to inability to work (due to the requirement to socially distance or isolate themselves if in a vulnerable group, through illness, school or childcare closures and company shutdown).

Tel: 08081 311 333 Helpline (Open Monday to Friday 8am – 8pm)

The BMA Charities Trust Fund

<https://bmacharities.org.uk/get-help/grants-available>

The BMA Charities Trust Fund are committed to helping other doctors and medical students who are in financial difficulties. The Fund particularly welcomes applications from refugee doctors.

They can provide:

- Annual grants to medical students who are taking medicine as a second degree
- One-off grants to medical students who are in immediate and serious financial need
- One-off grants to unemployed doctors for essential items such as utility bills, travel and disability equipment
- One-off grants to working doctors in financial hardship for help with the GMC retention fee and professional indemnity insurance
- Grants to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors to meet the costs of taking the PLAB exams and GMC registration
- Money advice for any doctor who is having difficulty managing financially

The Book Trade Charity

<https://www.btbs.org/types-of-grant>

The Book Trade Charity provide care and support to former, current, and future individuals with work in the book trade industry. They can provide welfare grants (for people who have

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worked in the book trade for more than one year) to cover things like security deposits, emergency payments for household repairs, or subsidies to those on low incomes. They can also help with training / refresher grants and can provide internship support for those looking to enter the book selling industry.

See website for more details or call: 01923 263 128

British Gas Energy Trust: Individuals and Families Fund

<https://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/grants-available/>

The British Gas Energy Trust operates two grant schemes - the Individuals and Families Fund and the British Gas Winter Fund (see below).

You do not need to be a British Gas customer to apply for the *Individuals and Families Fund

To be considered for a grant from the Individuals and Families Fund you must meet the following criteria:

- You live in England, Scotland or Wales;
- You have not received a grant from the British Gas Energy Trust within the last 2 years;
- You must be seeking a grant to clear an outstanding debt on a current or open gas, electricity or dual fuel energy account in your name or be a member of that household, the energy account must relate to your main residence;
- You have electric and/or gas debt;
- You do not have savings above £1,000; and
- You have received help from a money advice agency
- You must be in or facing Fuel Poverty

British Gas Energy Trust: Winter Fund

<https://britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/grants-available/>

The British Gas Energy Trust operates two grant schemes - the British Gas Winter Fund and the Individuals and Families Fund (see above).

**You do need to be a British Gas customer to apply for the British Gas Winter Fund.*

You must meet the following criteria:

- *You are a British Gas customer*
- You live in England, Scotland or Wales;
- You must be seeking a grant to clear an outstanding debt on a current or open gas, electricity or dual fuel energy account in your name or be a member of that household, the energy account must relate to your main residence;

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- You have electric and/or gas debt between £250 - £750;
- You do not have savings above £1,000; and
- You must be in or facing Fuel Poverty

Buttle UK

<https://www.buttleuk.org/>

Buttle UK is one of the largest grants making institutions focused solely on children. The grants are designed for those dealing with a variety of issues ranging from, but not limited to kinship care arrangements, domestic abuse, estrangement, physical and mental ill health, and substance abuse.

*With the exception of grants for boarding school fees all applications must be made by a support worker.

The Care Workers Charity Crisis Grant

<https://www.thecareworkerscharity.org.uk/information-and-tools/apply-for-a-grant/>

This grant is for current and former care workers employed in the UK social care sector in a role that is involved in or supports the provision of adult, elderly or disability care, such as residential social care, supported living care, and domiciliary home care. Please note that nurses are not eligible for crisis grants from CWC.

Current employees must have been in service for at least one year, and former employees must have served at least five years in their lifetime.

Grants may be used in support of a sudden or unexpected loss of income, a sudden or unexpected illness or injury, a sudden or unexpected change in living circumstances, a relationship breakdown, an issue of domestic abuse, or death of a close relative. Grant awards are typically between £500 for Daily Living Costs and up to £2000 for Funeral Grants.

The Cameron Fund

<https://www.cameronfund.org.uk/>

The Cameron Fund is a medical benevolent fund that solely supports general practitioners and their dependents. The Cameron Fund provide support to GPs and their families in times of financial need, whether through ill-health, disability, death or loss of employment. They can help those who are already suffering from financial hardship or those who are facing it in the immediate future. Applications are welcome from, or on behalf of, present or former GPs, their families, and dependents.

The Care Workers Charity

<https://www.thecareworkerscharity.org.uk/information-and-tools/apply-for-a-grant/>

The Charity provides 3 modes of support:

Crisis grants: One-off payment to support someone experiencing an unforeseen or life changing circumstance, such as bereavement, illness or injury and who has no resources to meet associated costs which could include funeral expenses, moving home, travel to hospital expenses, home repairs.

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We provide crisis grants to people who have worked in a paid role in the UK's care sector and are involved in or support the provision of care. This includes people who have been involved in residential social care, home care, supported living care or day care.

Covid-19 Emergency Fund: 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone, but one of the worst hit sectors has been the care sector. Many care workers were launched head-first into this pandemic with inadequate equipment to protect themselves and others. Some suffered a loss of income due to self-isolation because of Covid-19, due to contracting the virus, childcare issues, losing a loved one to Covid-19 just to name a few. The CWC launched the Covid-19 Emergency Fund in March 2020 to provide financial aid to care workers with immediate needs. We have raised over £2million and have paid out almost £2million in grants to care workers in need.

Mental Health Support: The CWC is working towards a more holistic offering for care workers that doesn't just involve financial aid and part of that progression is the introduction of Mental Health Support. We have now launched our Mental Health Support Programme which will be able to offer care workers struggling with mental health free treatment with qualified therapists.

To qualify applicants must:

- Currently Employed: At least 1 years' service
- Previously Employed: At least 5 years' service in your lifetime

Employed in the UK social care sector in a role that is involved in or supports the provision of adult, elderly or disability care, such as:

- Residential social care
- Domiciliary/home care
- Supported living care
- Day care
- Private care

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth): Essential Grants Programme for Children and Families.

<https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/what-we-do/grant-giving/>

The Catholic Children's Society Plymouth (covering Devon, Cornwall and parts of Dorset) has funds available for essential grants to families living in the Diocese of Plymouth who are struggling as a result of Covid-19. The programme aims to relieve the urgent material needs of children, young people and families by providing grants for household essentials such as a child's bed, a cooker or a washing machine to low-income families who simply can't afford to buy these items themselves. The fund is open to families of all faiths and none.

Cavell Nurses Trust

<https://www.cavellnursestrust.org/help-and-advice/apply-for-a-grant/>

The Cavell Nurses trust help nurses, midwives and healthcare assistants, both working and retired when they're suffering personal or financial hardship. They can provide assistance with: short term financial emergencies, essential white goods, travelling expenses, mobility aids, home adaptations due to disability, rent deposits and arrears. All applicants must have less than £4,000 in household accounts.

See website for more details or call: 01527 595999

The Charity for Civil Servants

<https://foryoubyyou.org.uk/our-services/financial-assistance>

The Charity for Civil Servants supports people who are:

- a civil servant, past or present, or you work for an organisation directly funded by a government department
- a financial dependant of a deceased civil servant or an employee of an organisation directly funded by a government department
- a representative helping one of the above

See website for more details or call: freephone 0800 056 2424

The Christine Brown Trust

<https://www.christinebrowntrust.org.uk/funding-for-music.php>

The Christine Brown Trust for Young Musicians offers financial support to exceptionally talented young musicians under 19 years of age who are in financial hardship and unable to meet the expenses involved in learning a musical instrument. This may mean contributing towards the cost of lessons, helping to pay for a new instrument, paying for summer school, or orchestra fees.

The Clergy Support Trust

<https://clergysupporttrust.grantapps.net/emergency/>

The Clergy Support Trust provides support to Anglican clergy (serving and retired) and ordinands, and their families, in the UK & Ireland. They can help with wellbeing grants, health grants, and emergency grants for times of unexpected financial difficulty.

Community Energy Plus: Heating Grants

<https://www.cep.org.uk/our-services/heating-grants/>

Community Energy Plus can provide referrals to local installers for boiler and night storage heater replacements through the Government backed, Energy Company Obligation (ECO) scheme.

You may qualify for an ECO grant for a replacement gas, oil or LPG boiler, or new Night Storage Heaters if you live in Cornwall or Devon and meet the following criteria:

- Your current boiler is over 10 years old or not working, or you have at least one broken storage heater.
- A person living at the address receives any of the following:
 - Guaranteed Pension Credit
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
 - Income Support
 - If you receive Child Tax credits, Working Tax Credits or Universal Credit, your eligibility will be based on your household income and number of household occupants (our energy advisors will be able to tell you if you qualify).

For further information and to access a heating grant, call us on 0800 954 1956 or email advice@cep.org.uk

The Construction Industry Emergency Financial Aid

<https://www.constructionindustryhelpline.com/>

You can apply for emergency financial assistance if you have worked in the construction industry for more than 5 years and one of the following applies to you:

- You have been injured at work or outside work and expected to be unable to work for more than 6 months
- You are suffering an illness that prevents you from working for a period longer than 6 months
- You are now the full-time primary carer for a spouse or child
- You are suffering a long term, life changing or terminal illness

Applications can be submitted on behalf of somebody fulfilling this criterion as long as they have the applicant's permission.

See website for more details or call: 0345 605 1956

Cornwall Community Foundation (CCF): One Programme

<https://www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com/introduction-to-grants/available-grants/>

CCF have moved their regular funds for community groups and charities based in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly into one main programme, 'One Programme'.

The One Cornwall programme has funds to support individuals, in particular for the following areas:

- Young carers
- Young people who are disadvantaged and at the edge of exclusion from school
- To support young people who are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing
- People struggling to stay warm and healthy during winter

Details of another CCF administered grants supporting individuals which are not part of the One Programme are also on the weblink above.

Cornwall Council Crisis and Care Awards

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/crisis-and-care-awards/>

Cornwall Council offers two separate awards. Crisis awards are for those in emergency or disaster situations to help them and their families with immediate needs. Care awards help vulnerable people to live as independently as possible in their community. You must live in Cornwall or have a local connection and have less than £1500.

Cornwall Rural Community Charity (CRCC) Carers Resilience Enablement Grant for individual carers.

<https://wellbeingcommunitygrants.org.uk/>

A grant to aid any unforeseen circumstance that prevents unpaid, informal carers from fulfilling their caring role, where the need cannot be met from elsewhere. For example:

- The repair or replacement of essential domestic equipment;
- To fund the provision of private care equipment;
- Other urgent domestic need
- To enable a carer and the person they support to access an urgent break in Cornwall where they would otherwise not be able to.

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*NB: Carers must be referred to this grant and endorsed by a recognised service supporting carers. Applications must be signed off by a professional from that service, e.g. Kernow Carers Service, Disability Cornwall, Age UK, Inclusion Matters, Inclusion Cornwall, Action for Children.

See website for more details or call: 01872 243535

COSARAF Charitable foundation: Hardship Grant

<https://www.cosaraf.org/apply-for-funding/hardship-grants/>

The COSARAF Foundation is offering small grants to individuals who are facing significant hardship and encouraging organisations to apply for support for those in need due to a result of Covid-19. Grants of up to £2,000 are available for eligible individuals and families. Most grants are between £500-£1,000. They will fund: household items, living expenses, rent arrears, utility bills, and more. Applications are assessed every six weeks and you can expect a response within eight weeks of application.

*PLEASE NOTE: Applications will only be accepted from recognised social organisations such as charities, housing associations, schools and social services acting on behalf of a family or individual in need.

The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust

<https://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/?q=index.html>

Dan Maskell Tennis Trust is a tennis charity raising funds for people with disabilities who play tennis. **Please note that the Trust supports people with all disabilities, e.g. physical impairment, deaf, learning disability, visually impaired etc)**

If you are playing wheelchair tennis you may apply for your own sports wheelchair or the trust will consider include tennis rackets, coaching lessons with an LTA Licensed coach; course fees for official LTA Development/Coaching courses

Maximum grant per application is £500 for an individual. Please give as much information as possible about your tennis activities and specify what costs are associated with each item.

See website for more details or call: 01737 831707

The Drinks Trust

<https://www.drinkstrust.org.uk/financial-support>

The Drinks Trust provide care and support to people who form the drinks industry workforce, both past and present. Criteria vary according to support being applied for as follows:

- Wellbeing services (Helpline / Sleepstation / Dr Julian / Mindful Drinking): Must work/have worked any length of time in the drinks industry
- £250 Emergency Grant: Must currently work, or have worked for 1 Year full time OR part-time in the drinks industry at some point in their career
- Further Financial Support: Must currently work, or have worked for 2 years full-time or part-time at any point during their career

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Applicants in any of the following situations will be considered for financial support:

- Working
- Furloughed / Redundant
- Retired
- Unemployed
- Claiming benefits

Tel: 0800 915 4610

Dyke Exhibition and Hobhouse Memorial Trust

<https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grants-individuals/Dyke-Hobhouse-Bursaries>

***** PLEASE NOTE – this fund will re-open in April 2022.**

You can apply for a bursary if you are entering the first year of an undergraduate course at a UK university in the forthcoming academic year and are aged 18-25 years. Applicants can apply for up to £500 per year for up to 3 years

You will need to meet the eligibility criteria which covers Somerset, Devon and Cornwall.

Education Support Trust

<https://www.educationsupport.org.uk/helping-you/apply-grant>

If you or your partner are working in or retired from the education sector and are suffering financial problems caused by unemployment, ill health, sudden life events, bereavement or a personal injury we may be able to offer support.

You must have been employed in one of the following sectors: primary, secondary, further or higher education in one of the following roles: Teacher; Teaching Assistant; Deputy/Head teacher; NQT; SEN; Lecturer; Supply teacher; Retired teacher; Learning Support; Academic Administration; Academic Manager.

Please see the website for more details or call 0207 697 2772

Elizabeth Eagle-Bott Memorial Fund

<https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/funding-wizard/rnib-elizabeth-eagle-bott-memorial-fund>

The Elizabeth Eagle-Bott Memorial Fund (EEBMF) supports blind and partially sighted musicians in the following ways:

Development of new musical projects suited to remote working and social distancing;

Purchase of mainstream and specialist equipment (software and hardware) to enable remote working, video conferencing, live streaming or other online development related to your musical work;

Training in the use of such equipment or in the use of digital technology and online platforms;

Tuition, professional development, mentoring, coaching or the acquisition of qualifications linked to your current or planned musical activities.

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Business mentoring and coaching to enable greater resilience during periods of isolation and home-working;

Financial hardship directly attributable to Covid-19 to cover immediate living costs.

Elizabeth Finn Fund.

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/get-support/Turn2us-Funds/Turn2us-Elizabeth-Finn-Fund>

Provides grants to assist with general living costs (on a short term basis) disability equipment, household furniture, kitchen equipment, home repairs, costs to move home, help with transport, work or care. To be eligible you must be on a low income or in receipt of benefits. Have worked or have a partner who has worked in one of the listed professions (over 120 types), have run your own business with employed staff or have earned a living from the arts.

Eligible occupations are listed in:

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/T2UWebsite/media/Documents/EFF-occupation-list-march-2019.pdf>

How to apply: start the application process by checking you meet the criteria and completing stage one of the application form available on the turn 2 us website: If the charity believes they can help, you will be invited to make a full application.

The Elmgrant Trust

<http://elmgrant.org.uk/sample-page/>

The Elmgrant Trust accepts applications from individuals who are further educating themselves to improve their job prospects with a clear compassionate need.

PLEASE NOTE: The Elmgrant Trust does not accept email applications. Please send a letter of application with the following:

- -Full contact details: your full name, address, email address, phone number etc.
- -If a student, evidence of your attendance or course place.
- -If wanting funding for books, equipment or stationery etc. full lists including costs.
- -Evidence of your financial status: receipt of benefits, low income etc.: why you need funding, (all information is confidential)
- -Letters of support from a professional person who knows you: for example a tutor, GP, employer, social worker
- -If a medical condition is part of the application then evidence from the medical profession.

Family Action Welfare Grants Programme

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/>

Small grants generally up to £300 to assist older people, to promote independence and improve the quality of life and isolation for those aged 60 and over. as well as people requiring disability /sickness support, such as disability aids and/or required items to allow discharge from hospital to home.

*PLEASE NOTE: Only statutory agencies or charities providing health or social care, housing associations, probation services and GPs may apply on behalf of an individual or family in need. Only one application per applying organisation can be made during each 12-month period.

Family Fund

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>

Family Fund offers grants for those who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child. They provide funds for a range of things such as family breaks, household appliances, furniture, computers, tablets, bedding and clothing. You must be currently living in the UK and have done so for at least six months, and have evidence of entitlement to certain benefits.

Family Holiday Charity

<https://familyholidaycharity.org.uk/>

The Family Holiday Charity help families get time away together, often for the first time ever.

The charity focus their holiday offers on families who:

- Are on a low income (a household income of less than £24,000)
- Haven't had a holiday together in the last 4 years
- Have at least one child under 18 who will go on the holiday

Referrals must be made through a referring agency from the following organisation types:

- Registered charities that provide services related to families
- Government provided children and family service departments such as social services and community health teams
- Ofsted registered children's centres, schools and nurseries
- Registered refuge and domestic abuse support services
- Registered housing associations
- Plus health visitors within NHS services

The Fashion and Textile Children's Trust

<https://www.ftct.org.uk/about-our-grants>

This fund is intended to help parents and carers who have worked in the UK fashion or textile industry and whose household income has reduced as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. To apply for an FTCT grant, one parent/carer must have worked in the UK fashion and textile industry, for at least one year within the last nine years.

The grants typically help families who are already struggling financially (in arrears on household bills or have debt) or have limited savings to cover lost earnings. The grants can fund items for children such as clothing, bedding, and essential household items such as white goods.

The Finzi Trust

<http://www.geraldfinzi.org/grant-giving.html>

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The Finzi Trust funds grants to musicians below the age of 25 at the time of their application. Eligible candidates must demonstrate commitment, ability and genuine financial need.

Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust

<http://fnaist.org.uk/>

The Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust provides life enhancing grants to help people of all ages in need who are ill, convalescent or disabled.

These grants are used to provide medical and household aids to alleviate sickness and make a huge difference to people's ability to manage at home and live as independently as possible. The Trust also provide grants towards respite and convalescent breaks in nursing and convalescent homes and organised specialist breaks for children and young adults are considered to give the carer at home a well-earned rest.

Frederick Andrew Trust

www.frederickandrewtrust.org

The Trust provides grants for women who have experienced an illness or injury and helps women of all ages and backgrounds regardless of age or medical condition. The only criteria is that applicants are currently, or have previously been, in paid employment.

Up to £1,000 is available for:

A break away

Help around the home

Up to £600 is available for therapy from Health Care Professions Council (HCPC) registered therapists.

If you would like to speak to someone please telephone 01522 810159 or you can write to PO Box 1291, Lincoln, LN5 5R or enquiries can be made on your behalf by a family member, carer or healthcare professional.

Friends of the Elderly

<https://www.fote.org.uk/our-charity-work/grants-2/>

Grants up to £500 are available to help older people of state pension age living on a low income in England and Wales with the cost of home essentials, unexpectedly large bills, living costs and getting connected online.

The Friends of the Elderly charity's Grants for Older People programme has 4 strands:

1. Digital Connections - to help older people get online and stay connected and can be used towards the cost of equipment such as tablets and smartphones as well as Broadband/Wi-Fi/Mi-Fi (mobile Wi-Fi) costs. The maximum grant available under this measure is £400 or £500 for households where two or more people are eligible for grants.
2. Essential Living Costs - to help with clothing, food, medicines, books, and anything that has become unmanageable either because of the Covid-19 pandemic or due to some pre-existing need. The maximum grant available under this measure is £250.

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3. Financial Support - to help with unexpected bills and large costs such as utility bills, funeral costs for loved ones, moving fees etc. The maximum grant available under this measure is £400 or £500 for households where two or more people are eligible for grants.

4. Home Essentials - to help with the cost of replacing everyday items in the home (white goods such as washing machines, fridges, freezers etc. and furnishings), small home repairs and mobility adaptations. The maximum grant available under this measure is £400 or £500 for households where two or more people are eligible for grants.

*NB. Applications must be through Referral Agents - who know the older person in a professional or community capacity. Referral Agents can include housing associations, local authorities, charities, community organisations, social workers, advice providers, health centres, cultural and religious centres. A doctor/GP surgery may also be a referrer, but only if they are willing to submit the application and follow through on its outcome. Please note that referral Agents cannot be friends, family, neighbours or other individuals.

The Furniture Makers Charity

<https://www.furnituremakers.org.uk/welfare/>

If you work or have worked in the UK furnishing industry, you may qualify to receive financial support and guidance to help you through a difficult time. To be eligible for financial assistance, you must normally have a minimum of two years' employment service in any capacity within the UK furnishing industry. However, during the COVID-19 crisis, we are accepting applications from people with shorter service periods.

This includes companies manufacturing/supplying furniture, kitchens or bathrooms; furniture stores such as DFS, Ikea, Argos; carpet sales or fitting; beds, curtains and upholstery.

As a guide, we often help with essential household bills, such as rent/mortgage, council tax, gas and electricity, or with replacement items such as a cooker, fridge, or washing machine.

Please see the website for more details or call 0207 562 8528

Footwear Friends

<https://www.footwearfriends.org.uk/how-footwear-friends-can-help>

Footwear Friends is a charity which provides financial assistance to people who work or have worked in the Shoe Trade (normally for at least five years) but have fallen on hard times. This includes people who have worked in the footwear industry in design, manufacture, distribution, retail or repair.

The Gane Charitable Trust Grants Programme

<http://www.ganetrust.org.uk/apply>

Grants up to £500 for individuals facing exceptional difficulty in meeting the cost of further education expenses either for adults or their children who are studying:

- o Architecture and design.
- o Further education in field of crafts.
- o Promotion of crafts, &
- o Social welfare and care.

The Trust prefers to donate towards the cost of materials, publicity, tools or books in the areas of art, craft and design, and towards the cost of education and training in the area of

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social welfare and care. Grants are usually made for capital purposes or to meet starting-up expenditure.

Funding is *not* available for:

- o Fees for courses.
- o Living costs.
- o People who have already received grants.
- o Postgraduate course costs, **or**
- o Travel outside the UK unconnected with the Awards scheme.

Gardner's Trust for the Blind

*No website, but please see: <https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/grant/gardners-trust-for-the-blind-12805>

Provides grants towards computer equipment and software, education or training costs and household items (including some white goods) for people who are registered blind or partially sighted.

The Trust considers applications for:

- Computer equipment and software
- Education or training costs
- Household items, including some white goods.

*Applications must be made through a sponsor professional. please call 020 72563 3757

Glasspool Charity Trust

<https://www.glasspool.org.uk/>

Glasspool are one of the few UK-wide charities providing grants to support people experiencing financial hardship that have no restrictions on who they can help. The small grants are used for getting over a short time crisis. You can apply for funds for white goods, essential household items, baby needs, and more.

*PLEASE NOTE: Glasspool grants cannot be applied for by the client directly, they must go through a third-party organisation that operates in England, Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland. Examples include statutory organisations that provide a health care, social care or advice service or citizens advice bureaux.

The Grand Order of the Water Rats Charities Fund

<http://www.gowr.co.uk/charities-fund/charities-fund/>

Small grants to members of the theatrical profession and their dependents in the UK who, due to old age or ill health, are experiencing hardship, ill-health or disability. The Fund also supports charities connected with theatrical entertainers and will fund equipment in hospitals.

*Applications may be made in writing at any time.

Grocery Aid Covid-19 Fund

<https://www.groceryaid.org.uk/get-help/covid-19-fund/>

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Supporting all grocery colleagues in their time of need. This includes manufacturing, supermarkets, independents, wholesalers, distribution, sales, and all support functions.

Their non-repayable grants are designed to help those experiencing an unexpected emergency like a change in circumstances or a sudden gap in income. Grocery Aid also offers a separate Bereavement Financial Assistance grant and mental health support – see website for more details.

Applicants must be currently working in the grocery industry with a minimum of one year's service, or be no longer working in the grocery industry, but previously worked in it for five years or more.

Please see the website for more details or call 0808 8021 122

The Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel

www.guildofourladyofgoodcounsel.co.uk

Grants, resources and equipment are available to registered charities, local authorities and social services in England and Wales that are supporting expectant mothers and new mothers in crisis. Individuals may also be provided with grant support.

The Guild also exists to provide information, support and help to women experiencing a difficult time in their pregnancies and to those with children, particularly newly born children, who are facing hardships. Although rooted in the Roman Catholic faith, the Guild serves women from all religious backgrounds, all nationalities, all ages, all social classes, rich or poor, married, single, and minors.

The Guild's trustees meet at least 4 times each year to review requests for grant support, and to consider strategic issues and policies.

The Happy Days Children's Charity

<https://www.happydayscharity.org/applications>

The Charity aims to help as many people as they can by funding trips, experiences, respite breaks and group activity holidays for those who need them most. Grants are for individual families with and/or organisations supporting children aged 3-17 who have learning difficulties, physical or mental disabilities, acute, chronic or life limiting illnesses, been abused or neglected, witnessed domestic violence, been bereaved or act as carers for a parent or a sibling.

The charity accepts applications from parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, as well as GPs, consultants, nurses, schools, health visitors, social workers, refuge centres and charities.

The Charity provide funding for:

- Family Day Trips
- Family Holiday Breaks
- Group Day Trips & Visiting Theatre
- Group Activity Holidays

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Headway Emergency Fund

<https://www.headway.org.uk/supporting-you/headway-emergency-fund/>

Headway Emergency Fund help adult brain injury survivors and their families.

Grants may be awarded for:

- Travel costs for families visiting relatives in hospital or rehabilitation
- Emergency accommodation costs
- Clothing needs (related to the brain injury, such as significant weight loss)
- Travel costs to ongoing outpatient appointments relating to the brain injury
- Essential white goods, where a survivor has been made homeless and re-housed in accommodation lacking basic equipment such as a cooker or fridge
- A one week self-catered carer's break at a cottage in Pickering, Yorkshire

Tel: 0208 640 8413

Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation

*No Website, but can be seen on: <https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/grant/heinz-anna-and-carol-kroch-foundation-14687>

Support people experiencing severe poverty/ ongoing medical problems/domestic violence or homelessness Tel: 020 8979 0609

*Only calls from someone in a professional capacity, such as a social worker, Citizens Advice Bureau, local authority or charity case worker, will be accepted. The charity does not accept self referrals. The Foundation advise against using a GP/Consultant or surgery to act as the applicant's representative due to constraints with time. The office is open between 10am – 5pm and on Monday – Friday. The charity does not use application forms. All applications should be contained in a letter.

The Foundations asks all intermediary organisations to have the facilities in place to administer any grants approved for an award.

The Hospital Saturday Fund

<https://hospitalsaturdayfund.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

The Hospital Saturday Fund awards grants to registered medical health charities within the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. The fund will also consider giving partial or full grants to individuals for the following:

- Specialised mobility equipment, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, car adaptations, medical appliances and aids, hearing aids, nebulisers, specialised vision aids, specialised computer equipment, therapeutic equipment/treatment, orthopaedic beds, mattresses or pillows, riser /recliners chairs, lift hoist/aids.
- Physiotherapy, Hydrotherapy, Acupuncture, Speech Therapy, Osteopathy, Chiropractic treatment, Reflexology, Massage Therapy and Aromatherapy.
- Home adaptations, walk in showers, accessibility adaptations to bathrooms, access ramps, non-slip flooring, stair lifts.
- Respite breaks at a therapeutic centre.

Please see the website for more details or call 020 7202 1365

Hospitality Action

<https://www.hospitalityaction.org.uk/get-help/>

The Hospitality action grants are available to anybody who is currently working in the UK hospitality industry or who has worked in the industry for a five-year period in their working life. Their main grants programme is now closed but their Covid Recovery programme is open. The website states: 'If you have recently lost your job/hours or are on reduced pay due to Covid-19 and are in need of access to funds to tide you over for a short period, apply here for our C-19 grant, minimum payment of £250 per household.' Well worth checking back for the re-opening of their main Grants Programme in the future which has previously provided grants to help people deal with the many issues that can cause financial hardship, including physical and mental ill health, poverty and addiction. Support through that grant can range from everyday essentials such as heating, school uniforms and general living costs, to counselling and home adaptations after a life-changing illness.

Please see the website for more details or call 0808 802 0282

ICE (Institution of Civil Engineers) Benevolent Fund

<https://www.icebenfund.com/our-services/financial-support/uk-members/>

ICE provide a number of different financial grants for their UK current or previous members and/or family members. Grants include:

Emergency grants.

Monthly payments.

Help with independence.

House repairs or maintenance.

Residential or nursing home fees.

Please see the website for more details or call 01444 417 979

Independence at Home

www.independenceathome.org.uk

Provides grants to people who have a long-term illness or disability. They consider grants for mobility and travel equipment, specialist disability equipment, home adaptations, communication equipment, home repairs, kitchen equipment, beds and bedding, home adaptations and more.

*Applications must be submitted on your behalf by a professional supporter or referrer such as a social worker, occupational therapist, specialist nurse, health worker, key worker from a major charity or Citizens Advice workers, people from Tenancy Support, Care and Repair organisations and Housing Associations.

Please call 020 8427 7929

The Insurance Charities

<https://www.theinsurancecharities.org.uk/>

The Insurance Charities provides support for current and former insurance employees and their dependants in the UK and Ireland, experiencing difficult life events such as ill health, disability, tragedy, depression, financial problems, and redundancy.

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In response to the Covid 19 crisis, the Chartered Insurance Institute's (CII) Education and Training Trust has launched a fund to provide access to training and professional development for those working in the UK and Ireland. Applicants will be able to secure the full cost of their training and choose the course and provider. The course must be relevant to the insurance/financial planning sector and is only available to those already working in these areas.

Submit an application form on the website and they will contact you to see if you are eligible.

The Jordan Sinnot Foundation Trust

<https://www.js25.co.uk/ApplyForFunding>

The Trust administer individual grants of up to £2000 to support children and young adults facing barriers, including young carers, to help them participate in sport. Grants may fund items such as sports equipment, club membership or training facilities for those who cannot afford them.

*Applications may be made at any time and are reviewed regularly by the trustees.

The League of the Helping Hand

<https://lhh.org.uk/> or Tel: 01444 236 099

Give grants for essential household items for disabled individuals and their carers who are living on a very low income, receiving the appropriate welfare benefits and who have exhausted all other funding sources including statutory funding, occupational, local and specialist charities. To be eligible, applicants must present with a physical or diagnosed mental health condition, learning disability, or be a carer for an adult or child with a disability.

Assistance is offered to all ages; help for children should be made with a parent/legal guardian as the lead applicant.

Financial assistance may be provided under the following three categories:

- One-off grants
- Regular beneficiaries
- Carers' breaks

*Applications must be made through sponsors from a professional agency (Social Services, Health Service, Housing Association, Tenancy Support Agency, Carer's Centre, CAB or another Charity).

Licensed Trade Charity

<https://www.licensedtradecharity.org.uk/eligibility-criteria/>

The Licensed Trade Charity can provide short term hardship grants and Practical advice & Emotional support to licensed trade people. For financial support you, or an immediate family member (living in the same household) needs to be either currently, or have in the past, worked in the licensed drinks trade for a total of 5 years continuously. This can be in one or more jobs.

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See website above or call 0808 801 0550 for more information.

Macmillan Grants

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/cancer-information-and-support/get-help/financial-help/macmillan-grants>

Macmillan provide small one-off grants to people for cancer related support. Macmillan Grants are a one-off means-tested payments of £350 to help with the extra costs that living with cancer can bring.

They can be used to help with things like:

- energy bills
- home adaptations
- cost of travel to and from hospital
- any extra costs you might have because of cancer.
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You can apply for a Macmillan Grant if you have if you have a cancer diagnosis or are having treatment in relation to your cancer diagnosis.

Both of the following must also apply:

You have no more than £6,000 in savings for a household of one person or no more than £8,000 for a household of two or more people.

You have a weekly income of no more than £323 per week for a household of one person or no more than £442 per week for a household of two or more people. *Macmillan do not count Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Attendance Allowance (AA) when we work out your weekly income.

Tel: 0808 808 0000

Margaret's Fund

<https://margaretsfund.org.uk/>

Margaret's Fund gives grants to women in ill health and financial need, with the priority on respiratory conditions.

*All applications to Margaret's Fund must be done through a caring professional.

The MS Society

<https://www.msociety.org.uk/care-and-support/support-for-carers/support-for-young-carers>

If you're under 18 and have a family member with MS, the MS Society give grants of up to £300 to young carers (15 years and under), and up to £1,000 for young adult carers (16-24 years) to help pay for leisure activities or personal development. This could be for things like school or college trips, sports equipment, music lessons, courses or driving lessons for example.

See the website for more details or contact the Grants team to find out more – tel: 0300 500 8084 or grants@mssociety.org.uk

NewstrAid Benevolent Fund

<https://www.newstraid.org.uk/how-we-help/>

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NewstrAid helps persons, and their immediate dependants, who have been employed in newspaper and magazine distribution in the UK. NewstrAid helps:

Shop assistants
Newsagents
Street vendors
Wholesaler employees
Delivery drivers
Packers
Circulation employees

NewstrAid offer three different financial assistance schemes:

1. Regular grants: Regular financial help for those who are facing constant hardship and are struggling to cover ongoing everyday living costs for themselves and their family. Ongoing assistance is awarded to those whose circumstances are unlikely to change such as the elderly and those who are unable to work due to long term disability. Help with care home fees can also be covered by regular grants.
2. One-off samaritan grants: One-off grants to address specific needs for those who have encountered unexpected hardship.
3. NewstrAid also offer one off hardship grants under their Covid financial support

Please note that all applicants for financial assistance will be required to complete an application form and provide documentation to support financial situation. Each application is considered on its individual merits.

Contact their Welfare Support Number 0800 917 8616 for further information

Ocean Housing: Hardship Fund

<http://www.oceanhousing.com/hardship-fund-support/>

This hardship fund will provide support to people who are tenants of Ocean Housing where their needs cannot easily, or immediately, be met and where financial support is required in areas including helping tenants with bills, fuel costs, and supermarket shopping vouchers, where food banks are unable to assist.

Percy Bilton Charity: Individuals in Need Fund

<https://www.percy-bilton-charity.org/applyInd>

The Percy Bilton Charity can provide grants for:

Older People - Individuals aged over 65 on low income

and

Disabled People - Children or adults with a physical/learning disability or serious long-term illness or adults with a severe and enduring mental health problem which prevents them from working

*Please note: Only Support Workers working within the Council or NHS Trust may apply on behalf of individuals who are on a low income and have a serious illness, disability or are over 65 on low income

Perennial

<https://perennial.org.uk/home/ways-we-can-help/financial-support/>

Perennial helps people in horticulture create better futures and has one off financial help programmes which have been developed to meet the specific needs of people working in horticulture and their families. With 5 different areas of support:

1. Educational School Trips
2. Specialised Equipment
3. Support for former horticulturalists
4. Small business horticultural support
5. Short break and respite support

See website above or call the helpline 0800 093 8543 to find out more.

The Printing Charity

<https://www.theprintingcharity.org.uk/our-help/>

The Printing Charity help people at any stage of their career in the print, paper, packaging, publishing, and graphic arts sectors with practical, emotional, and financial support.

Anyone can receive practical and emotional support. You can apply for financial support if you are facing hardship

- Applicants will be asked to complete a financial assessment
- Typically, you'll have worked in the above sectors or the allied trades for at least 3 years' or be a dependant of someone who has
- Emergency support may be available for those with less service

See website above or call 01293 542 820 for more information.

Princes Trust: Development Awards

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/get-funding-train-learn>

Offer financial support (typically £175-£250) to young people aged 16 to 30 who are studying less than 14 hours a week or not in compulsory education or are unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week. Development Awards can help to cover costs such as: course fees, transport or equipment, training, job license fees.

See website above or call 0800 842 842 for more information.

The Princess Royal Respite Fund For Carers

<https://carers.org/her-royal-highness-the-princess-royal-respite-fund-for-carers/respite-fund>

Any unpaid carer who is registered with a Carers Trust Network Partner is eligible to apply for support from The Princess Royal Respite Fund For Carers.

*Applications must be made through the Network Partner with which the carer is registered, see weblink above for more details.

What if I'm not registered with a Network Partner?

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If you are not registered with a Carers Trust Network Partner, you can find the contact details of your local Carers Trust Network Partner by entering your postcode on our Carers Services Near You page (any time) or calling 0300 772 9600 (Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm).

Professionals Aid Guild

<https://www.pcac.org.uk/>

Professionals Aid Guild (PAG) helps professionals and graduates in the UK with financial assistance. They are not restricted to assisting those of a specific professional background. They can provide a one-off monetary gift to assist with living expenses or a contribution towards essential household furniture including white goods. You must have less than £6,000 in savings if you are under pension credit age and less than £10,000 if over pension credit age. You must also have claimed, or are in the process of claiming, all benefits to which you are entitled to.

The Queens Nursing Institute

<https://www.qni.org.uk/help-for-nurses/financial-help/>

The QNI will consider applications from registered nurses in financial need, who work or have worked in the community for a minimum of three years. 'Community' is defined as working outside hospital settings, for example: queen's nurses, district nurses, community midwives, and health visitors.

Help is usually given, for example, with the provision of essential household items, building repairs or adaptations, respite care, specialist equipment such as walk-in baths, stair lifts, electric wheelchairs and amenity bills. In certain cases, the QNI may make regular quarterly payments to clients.

See website above or call 020 7549 1400 and leave a message asking for a call back.

Railway Benefit Fund

<https://www.railwaybenefitfund.org.uk/how-we-can-help/covid-19-support/>

The Railway benefit fund helps railway families through tough times. Their grants help individuals overcome significant life events that may impact on your financial, family, mental and physical well-being and ability to sustain your rail employment. For example, illness and health issues or unexpected expenditure.

You must be a rail employee, including working in the supply chain, with a minimum of 1 year's rail employment, and you must have less than £6000 in capital if a single person, or less than £10,000 if a couple.

See website above or call 0345 241 2885 (lines open 10:00am- 3:00pm Mon-Fri)

The Rainy Day Trust

<https://www.rainydaytrust.org.uk/get-help/apply-for-help/>

The Rainy-Day Trust supports past and present employees of the home improvement industry who are struggling financially. Builders Merchants, Cookshops, DIY shops and outlets, hardware stores, garden centres are all eligible. As well as retailers, people who have worked for manufacturers and distributors and worked in the pottery and glass industry are also eligible.

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Either you or your partner can have worked in the industry, and you or they should have worked in any part of that industry for 1 year. This must be for one company. They target their help at those on lower incomes, generally less than £20,000 per year

See website above or call 0203 192 0486

The Retail Trust

www.myrtwellbeing.org.uk/financial-support/grants-to-support-those-affected-by-covid-19

Offers grants to support those financially affected by COVID-19 and are available to those working in the retail or supporting service industries including logistics, manufacturing, wholesale, food distribution, and supply chain. The non-repayable crisis grants can be used to support outstanding rent or mortgage payments, priority bills, funeral expenses, basic essentials, boiler or heating repairs. Applicants must have less than £20,000 in savings.

See website above or call 0808 801 0808

The Rowland Hill Fund

<https://www.rowlandhillfund.org/>

You can apply for consideration of support if you work, have worked or have a proved connection with:

- Royal Mail
- Post Office Ltd
- Parcelforce Worldwide
- Royal Mail Property & Facilities Solutions
- Any previously associated companies

Applicants must have completed at least 6 months of full or part-time service, on a permanent or fixed-term contract.

Applicants should have savings of less than £12,000 (including the value of any assets e.g. shares, second properties, cryptocurrency, land etc).

For an informal discussion about eligibility, please contact our confidential helpline: 0345 600 4586.

Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

<https://rabi.org.uk/need-help/>

R.A.B.I. offers financial support, practical care and guidance to farming people of all ages, including farmers, farmworkers and dependants. They tailor their support to individual circumstances, but can help with buying essential white goods, paying relief farm staff, clearing domestic bills, mortgage or rent arrears, and training grants. Applicants should contact R.A.B.I. in the first instance to discuss their situation and help that might be available.

See website above or call 0808 281 9490

The Royal British Legion

www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/financial-and-employment-support/finance/grants

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The Royal British Legion help to ease the burden of financial pressure for thousands of serving and ex-serving personnel every year. They can provide financial support through one of the grants schemes they run:

Whether you are in need of urgent assistance to get through a temporary crisis or need help at home we may be able to help with a grant.

- Immediate needs grant scheme
- Veterans medical funds programme
- Mobility aids and equipment
- Employment grants
- Funding to study abroad
- Household adaption grants

The Royal British Legion also provide specialist compensation advice, help with debt and emergency situations, through their team of Financial Advisors who are on hand to give you the advice and support you need to put your mind at ease. Whether it's debts, benefits or balancing the book they're just a phone call away to help you get back on your feet.

The team also can support you through grant applications, call: 0808 802 8080.

Royal Medical Benevolent Fund:

<https://rmbf.org/get-help/>

The fund is open to doctors, medical students and their families, who are facing financial hardship. You must have little in the way of income and savings and be unable to support yourself financially due to illness, disability or because you are over state retirement age.

They provide different types of awards for students, current practitioners, and refugee doctors. Amongst other things, they can provide monthly grants to help with essential day-to-day living costs, back-to-work awards, and help with purchasing specialist equipment.

See website above or call 0208 540 9194

The Royal Merchant Navy Education Foundation (RMNEF)

<https://rmnef.org.uk/>

The RMNEF is an educational charity helping needy children of merchant navy seafarers, professional sea-going fishermen and RNLI lifeboat crew members.

It is able to help with everything from school fees, textbooks, uniforms to computers and internet access. The Foundation supports at any stage of educational development from birth to obtaining professional career entry qualifications.

To apply: contact initially by letter or email: office@rmnef.org.uk to find out if you qualify for support.

See website above or call 01488 567890 or 07397 567890

Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB)

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/information-everyday-living-benefits-and-concessions-grants/grants-rnib>

RNIB offer grants of up to £500 for certain small items of technology to people who are registered as blind or partially sighted, on a means-tested benefit and who have been unable

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to get statutory funding. Grants can only be used for certain types of equipment, please see the above link for more detail or tel: 0303 123 9999

You, or the person you are applying on behalf of, must:

- be a resident in the UK
- be registered with your local authority as blind (“severely sight impaired”) or partially sighted (“sight impaired”) unless you are applying on behalf of a child who has not yet had their sight loss certified or registered
- receive a means-tested benefit and one that is not a Tax Credit. Means-tested benefits include Income Support; Pension Credit; Housing Benefit; Council Tax support; Income-related Employment and Support Allowance; Income-related Job Seeker's Allowance; and Universal Credit.
- have been refused funding from your local authority for the items you need
- have savings of less than £6,000
- have not had a grant from us in the last three years.

The Seafarers Hospital Society

<https://seahospital.org.uk/grantstoseafarers/>

The Seafarers Hospital Society (formerly known as the Seamen’s Hospital Society) is a long-established maritime charity dedicated to meeting the health, welfare and advice needs of seafarers. The Seafarers Hospital Society makes grants to seafarers in need. There are no rigid rules about what you can get a grant for, but typical examples include: disability aids, household white goods, help with debts and bills, urgent short-term living expenses, and clothing.

See website above or call 020 8858 3696

Sidney Perry Foundation

<https://www.the-sidney-perry-foundation.co.uk/>

The Foundation supports first-degree students with supplementary grants to a maximum of £1000. students must be under 35 years old at the start of the course.

Sir Richard Stapley Educational Trust

<https://www.stapleytrust.org/>

Supports the work of students of proven academic merit, and in financial need, who are pursuing further degrees or certain postgraduate qualifications at an institution in the UK. The Trust supports courses in medicine, dentistry or veterinary studies taken as a second degree, as well as certain postgraduate courses in any subject. All grants are made annually and are normally between £500 and £1,300.

Social Workers Benevolent Trust

<https://www.swbt.org/>

Gives financial support to social workers, ex-social workers, and their dependents. The Trustees meet approximately every two months to consider applications for grants.

*If you experience or anticipate any barriers with our application process, require help to make an application, or accessing our information, please telephone the British Association of Social Workers on 07593 819562 for advice.

Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA)

<https://www.ssafa.org.uk/>

SSAFA provides help and support to existing and past service personnel and their families. It offers a wide range of services including:

- Rehabilitation for injured servicemen and women
- A confidential helpline (Forcesline)
- Additional needs and disability support such as four holidays a years for children with special needs and their siblings
- Short stay accomodation for families visiting injured relatives
- Financial assistance for a wide range of needs
- Funding for home adaptations or specialist disability equipment unavailable from statutory sources.
- Residential care for those with disabilities

The help is available to almost anyone with a service connection.

See website above or call 0800 260 6767

Southern Spinal Injuries Trust

<https://www.ssit.org.uk/grant-application-form/>

The Southern Spinal Injuries Trust (SSIT) supports people living with spinal cord injury in the South and South West of England. It does this principally by purchasing a range of specialised equipment, such as mobility aids and adjustable beds, on behalf of beneficiaries.

To apply for help towards a mechanical aid such a wheelchair, adjustable bed or other items an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist assessment is required. This is to ensure that applicants apply for the correct item and it is suitable for their needs. The most requests received by the Trust relate to powered add-ons for wheelchairs such as Tri-Rides and the Smart drive power add-on (other suppliers are available). These help to relieve or avoid damage to elbows and shoulders, as well as providing a much greater degree of independence.

The Trust generally helps individuals with grants in the region of £250 to £3,000.

*Applications may be made at any time.

Sure Start Maternity Grant

<https://www.gov.uk/sure-start-maternity-grant>

A one-off payment of £500 to help towards the costs of having a child. You usually qualify for the grant if both of the following apply: you're expecting your first child, or you're expecting a multiple birth (such as twins) and have children already and you or your partner already get certain benefits.

You must claim the grant within 11 weeks of the baby's due date or within 6 months after the baby's birth. You do not have to pay the grant back and it will not affect your other benefits or tax credits.

To get help with your claim, call the Sure Start Maternity Grant Helpline 0800 169 0140

The Talismans Charity

<http://www.talismancharity.org/>

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The Talismans trust assist individuals in the UK of small means who the trustees consider to be deserving and may be described as “going short”. The charity helps individuals in need with one-off grants to relieve poverty for education, health, housing, disablement or disability.

*PLEASE NOTE: Applications should be made on behalf of individuals by a local authority, another charitable organisation or a non-profit organisation such as the Citizens’ Advice Bureau.

The Teaching Staff Trust

www.teachingstafftrust.org.uk

The Teaching Staff trust provides financial support when something’s happened that couldn’t have been expected. They offer help to teachers, teaching assistants, nursery workers, caretakers and lunch supervisors who have worked within the education sector for at least five years. Grant can be used to help with bills, household costs, travel or other essentials.

See website above or call 01322 293 822

The Thomas Wall Trust

<https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-individuals/>

The charity offers grants up to £1,500 to study on accredited vocational training courses up to qualification level 3 and towards other costs associated with studying, including: child care, travel and mobility costs, and accessible study materials. To be able to apply for help from the Thomas Wall Trust, you must be undertaking accredited vocational training up to level 3 and be experiencing financial difficulties. You must also have been unemployed for at least six months within the last two years, have the right to work and study in the UK, and have lived in the UK for at least three years.

UNISON: There for You & Winter Fuel Grants

<https://www.unison.org.uk/get-help/services-support/there-for-you/financial-assistance/>

The ‘There for You’ grant can help with general living costs, household appliances, urgent repairs, disability equipment and adaptations, and funeral costs. To be eligible to apply for financial assistance, you must have been a member of UNISON for at least four weeks and up-to-date with your subscriptions. Also, that the financial difficulties that led you to apply occurred after you joined. Partners or dependents can also apply. If you are in financial difficulty as a result of the coronavirus crisis, please state in your application your particular needs due to the pandemic.

The ‘There for You Winter Fuel Grant’ programme for 2021 opens on Monday 25 January. For this year only, grants of up to £200 will be available to help UNISON members with fuel bills this winter. Members whose income is less than £18,200 (if living alone) or £26,000 (for a family) can apply. Applications will also be accepted from members in receipt of either Housing Benefit, Universal Credit or Council Tax reduction.

See website above or call 020 7121 5620 and leave a message asking for a call back.

The Vicar’s Relief Fund (VRF)

<https://www.smitfc.org/the-vrf/>

The Vicar’s Relief Fund (VRF) is a fund established by St Martin-in-the-Fields Charity and helps those who are homeless or vulnerably housed through small-sum, rapid response

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grants to prevent eviction or access accommodation. Frontline workers can apply on behalf of their clients for grants to help prevent eviction (of up to £350) or access accommodation (of up to £500).

WaveLength

<https://wavelength.org.uk/apply-for-help/individuals/>

WaveLength gives media technology to lonely people living in poverty. They can provide radios, televisions, and tablet computers to help people maintain and increase the number of meaningful connections they have in their lives. They support people who are lonely because of age, poor physical or mental health, or by circumstances which make it hard for them to leave their home. They take applications for individuals and groups.

The Vegetarian Charity

<https://www.vegetariancharity.org.uk/>

The Vegetarian Charity offers grants for vegetarians and vegans aged below 26 who need financial assistance, such as help with educational courses or essential items. Parents can apply on behalf of vegetarian children aged under sixteen. Grants are not usually greater than £500.

The Veterans Charity

<https://www.veteranscharity.org.uk/>

Providing fast, direct support to Veterans facing hardship and distress. The Veterans Charity can supply essential items including food shopping, clothing, utilities bills, household goods like kitchenware and appliances as well as furniture and even mobile phones to aid vital communication.

Tel: 01271 37100

VICTA

www.victa.org.uk

Provides grants to blind and partially sighted children and young people under 29 for visual aid equipment including video magnifiers, computers, laptops, braille and sensory toys. Please see website above or call 01908 240 831

* Applications must include a supporting statement from a professional.

Victoria Convalescent Trust

<http://victoriaconvalescenttrust.org.uk/>

The Trust make grants to fund or part-fund short breaks for those of any age, living in England and Wales. Individuals who are in need of a short break due to disability, poor health or their role as a carer should approach an approved organisation for support with the application process.

Grant applications are not accepted from individual members of the public but may be made by any of the following:

- a) A professionally qualified health or social care worker

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- b) A statutory organisation that provides a health care, social care, education or advice service
- c) A registered charity that is contracted to provide a statutory health care, social care or advice service
- d) A Citizens Advice Worker
- e) The prison or probation service (National Offender Management Service, NOMS)
- f) A tenancy support worker employed by either a Local Authority, Industrial and Provident Society or a Housing Association which is registered with the Housing Corporation.

Women's Resilience Fund:

<https://www.smallwoodtrust.org.uk/flexible-response-fund>

** Please note, this grant regularly opens and closes – so please check the weblink above for the latest application dates.*

Grants and support for women on low incomes who have specific needs and are struggling to make ends meet or trying to overcome financial problems.

The Trust provide support to women in the following priority areas:

- Women with housing related debt.
- Women living on a reduced income as a direct result of Covid-19.
- Women over the age of 50 facing financial difficulties and on a low income.
- Women who are or who have been affected by domestic violence or abuse, including financial and economic abuse and coercive control.

The Smallwood Trust understand that a small amount of money and support can make a big difference in helping your financial stability, ability to cope with adversity and to maintain your independence. That's why they can provide a little bit of extra cash and a guiding hand through a tough situation. We will discuss your circumstances with you when you apply,

Please email: info@smallwoodtrust.org.uk or phone 0300 365 1886.

**** Turn2Us Website**

<https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk/AboutYou>

<https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/>

Turn2us is a national charity providing practical help to people who are struggling financially. They have an online grant search for people by postcode. The site also has a very well used and regarded Benefits Calculator to find out which welfare benefits you may be entitled to.

