

TRANSFORMATION CORNWALL⁺

Strengthening Faith Based Social Action in Cornwall

Hardship Grants for Individuals in Need

Spring 2023

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@transformation-cornwall.org.uk

Career/Trade Related

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. They award financial grants to help colleagues suffering real financial hardship caused by life-changing medical conditions, bereavement, disability, domestic violence, and everything in between.

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 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.

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.

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. This may be help with a lifeline such as help with their telephone rental costs or essential items to aid day-to-day living independently. Each case is assessed individually on its merits by the Trustees, taking into account length of service to the industry.

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.

The BMA Charities Trust Fund

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

BMA Charities is two charities which help doctors and their dependents and medical students in times of financial crisis. 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.

The Book Trade Charity

[Our grants | The Book Trade Charity \(btbs.org\)](https://btbs.org)

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 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.

British Dental Association (BDA) Benevolent Fund

<http://www.bdabenevolentfund.org.uk/>

Supporting all dental students, dentists and their families, living in the UK who are facing financial hardship. You do not need to be a member of the British Dental Association (BDA) to seek help.

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.

The Cameron Fund

[The Cameron Fund \(doctorshelp.org.uk\)](http://www.doctorshelp.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.

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.

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; or representative helping one of the above. Types of help they will consider include: household bills, equipment costs, funeral expenses, travel costs.

CISWO The Coal Mining Charity

<http://www.ciswo.org.uk/>

CISWO aims to improve the lives of individuals facing disadvantage due to the impact of the coal mining industry. We recognise that at times, former miners and/or their partners, may need financial support towards a specific item or service that they could not otherwise afford.

The Clergy Support Trust

<https://clergy-support-trust.grantapps.net/emergency/>

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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.

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. In order to qualify for any help from the Drinks Trust you must be a UK Resident with a UK Bank Account and be able to demonstrate that you work or have worked in the drinks industry in UK.

The Electrical Industries Charity

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

Grants are available for current and former electrical industries workers and their partners. Grants can be towards a number of items, such as emergency grants, disability adaptations and home repairs, utility bills and financial assistance with a serious illness.

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 they may be able to offer support.

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 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.

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.

Fishmongers' and Poulterers' Institution

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

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The Fishmongers' and Poulterers' Charitable Institution helps people who have worked as a fishmonger or poulterer for 10 years or more and found themselves struggling financially. Small one off-grants of up to £1,000 are given in each calendar year.

The Grand Order of the Water Rats Charities Fund

<https://www.groceryaid.org.uk/get-help/financial-assistance/>

GroceryAid is a charity that can provide financial grants to people who work or have worked in the grocery industry; these grants do not have to be paid back. These are designed to help give breathing space to those who are experiencing financial difficulties because of an emergency or an unexpected reduction in household income. Or those who have taken debt advice and have priority debt arrears they are unable to pay. Priority debt considered includes rent or council tax arrears.

Hair and Beauty Charity

<https://hairandbeautycharity.org/>

They can offer financial assistance to qualified hair and beauty professionals - who currently work [minimum of 3 yrs (which will be verified)], or have worked (and paid taxes) previously in the industry [for a minimum of 5 yrs, not long than 15 years ago] - in immediate financial crisis subject to meeting our eligibility criteria.

Hospitality Action

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

They offer financial assistance to people currently working in the hospitality industry or those who have worked for five years of their careers. They can also currently consider applications for financial assistance from people who have worked in hospitality for one year within the last two years in the industry and have lost their job/hours due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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. They can offer one-off grants to bolster your financial capabilities and regular support to underpin your finances when you need it most.

The Institute of Clayworkers Benevolent Fund

<https://ceramfed.co.uk/>

Financial grants for people from the clayworking industry who have had to retire early, or have been unable to work for some time due to accident or ill-health. Pensioners from within the industry, and dependants of deceased clayworkers may also be eligible. The Fund covers brickmaking, clay roof tiles, clay drainage pipes and refractory industries.

The Institute of Quarrying Benevolent Fund (IQBF)

<https://www.quarrying.org/IQBF>

The Institute of Quarrying Benevolent Fund (IQBF) helps members or former members of The Institute of Quarrying or their dependants when they are in need. Grants can be given to help with care, training, transport, unexpected financial difficulties, therapy, disability and illness expenses. Each application will be taken on its own merits.

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.

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.

The National Caravan Council Benevolent Fund

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

The National Caravan Council Benevolent Fund provides one-off grants to support people working, past or present, in the caravan vehicle industry, who are in need of financial support. The charity helps people working across all areas, including manufacturing, distribution and holiday/residential parks.

NewstrAid Benevolent Fund

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

NewstrAid provides a wide range of services to people who work or have worked in the sale and distribution of newspapers and magazines. They can offer one-off grants to address specific needs for those who have encountered unexpected hardship or regular financial help for those who are facing constant hardship and are struggling to cover ongoing everyday living costs for themselves and their family.

Perennial

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

Perennial can support you through many of life challenges. If you are worried about paying your bills, have health, housing, benefit or employment issues they are happy to help with any issue you may be facing, however complicated. If we they are not able to offer the advice you need, they will give you details of other organisations who are able to provide specialist help.

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. Their grants are here to support people in need, from unexpected emergencies to everyday essentials.

Professionals Aid Guild

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

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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.

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.

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.

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.

The Retail Trust

<https://www.retailtrust.org.uk/financial-aid>

Help is available to those working in the retail industry or supporting services. Third parties, such as case workers, Citizens Advice or other welfare agency workers can also apply on behalf of applicants once they have had their registration validated with the Retail Trust as a case worker. All applications will be assessed on an individual basis. Please note, financial aid applications will not be considered for individuals with over £4,000 in savings.

The Rowland Hill Fund

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

Supporting postal people in times of need. You can apply for consideration of support if you work, have worked or have a proved connection with the royal mail, post office, parcelforce worldwide, or royal mail property and facilities solutions. Applicants must have completed at least 6 months of full or part-time service, on a permanent or fixed-term contract.

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

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contact R.A.B.I. in the first instance to discuss their situation and help that might be available.

The Royal British Legion

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

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.

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.

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.

Royal Theatrical Fund

<http://www.trtf.com/>

Every year The Royal Theatrical Fund provides support for people of all ages who have worked in the entertainment industry (e.g. stage, radio, film or television) for at least seven years. They are people in need as a result of illness, injury or old age. The Fund assists by paying monthly allowances, one off grants and shortfalls in nursing and residential home fees.

The Salespeople's Charity

<http://www.salespeoplescharity.org.uk/>

If you, your partner or spouse has ever worked as a Business to Business (B2B) salesperson - visiting business customers in their premises to sell goods or services - and now find yourself in financial need, then the Salespeople's Charity may be able to offer you support. They are a grant-giving charity that provides support directly to the field salesperson, though our support can also extend to their widows, widowers, partners and dependent children.

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

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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.

Social Workers Benevolent Trust

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

The Social Workers' Benevolent Trust offers financial help to social workers and their dependents in times of hardship, for example when experiencing sickness, bereavement, family difficulties or sudden catastrophe. The trustees consider grants at their bi-monthly meetings, and applicants need to complete an application form if they wish to be considered for a grant.

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.

Transport Benevolent Fund

[Transport Benevolent Fund CIO - Home \(tbf.org.uk\)](http://TransportBenevolentFundCIO-Home(tbf.org.uk))

The Transport Benevolent Fund is a membership charity supporting members who work in the public transport industry in Great Britain when they are in need, hardship or distress. Almost anyone who works in the industry may join TBF and be eligible for help.

UNISON: 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.

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.

Children and Young People

AYM Awards for Young Musicians

<https://apply-aym-awards.smapply.io/>

Awards of between £100 and £2,000 are available to the UK's most talented young instrumentalists in any genre aged 5-17 who, because of financial hardship, may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential. Application may be made at any time.

Bauer Radio Cash for Kids

A Cost-of-Living grant budget of £1 million to support children and young people aged up to 18 across the UK through the cost-of-living crisis. The Fund is designed to provide emergency essentials that support the physical and mental well-being of children who are struggling during the cost-of-living crisis due to poverty or living with additional needs. Visit the website to find out more and apply. Please note that applications for the Fund are being allocated on a 'first come' basis. The Fund will close as soon as the £1 million has been fully committed. Early application is therefore advised.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Family Holiday Charity

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

The Family Holiday Charity helps families get time away together, often for the first time ever. They're here for children who've never seen the sea. For teenagers who can't remember when they last saw mum smile. For parents having to choose between a day out and a pair of school shoes.

The Finzi Trust

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

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. Please note that financial support is not given for postgraduate study, undergraduate study, subsistence or school fees.

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 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.

Princes Trust: Development Awards

[Get funding to train and learn | Help for young people | The Prince's Trust \(princes-trust.org.uk\)](#)

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.

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.

Disability and Illness

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.

Cornwall Rural Community Charity (CRCC) Carers Resilience Grant

<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. Carers must be referred to this grant and endorsed by a recognised service supporting carers, these being either Cornwall Carers Service or Inclusion Matters. Applications must be signed off by a professional from that service.

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

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rackets, coaching lessons with an LTA Licensed coach; course fees for official LTA Development/Coaching courses

Elizabeth Eagle-Bott Memorial Fund

[Music Awards and Funding | RNIB](#)

Awards to blind or partially sighted musicians for musical study, projects and events for the benefit of local, national and international communities. The Elizabeth Eagle-Bott Memorial Fund grants funds to: blind or partially sighted people, to support their music making; to third parties, supporting blind or partially sighted musicians in their music making. Grants are up to £10,000. To qualify, applicants, or people supported by applicants, must be registrable as sight impaired or seriously sight impaired (partially sighted or blind) and a UK citizen.

Elizabeth Finn Fund.

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

This fund is temporarily closed (Feb 2023) but keep an eye on it announcing reopening dates.

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.

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.

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.

Gardner's Trust for the Blind

<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 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.

Headway Emergency Fund

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

The Emergency Fund provides one-off grants of up to £1,000 in the immediate aftermath of brain injury, to help adult brain injury survivors and their families cope with the sudden practical implications.

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.

The League of the Helping Hand

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

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.

Macmillan Grants

[Macmillan financial grants | Macmillan Cancer Support](#)

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. 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.

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 for money from Margaret's Fund must be made through a professional such as Registered Charity workers, Social Care Professionals, Doctors and Hospitals, Social Workers as well as other Health Care Workers.

The MS Society

<https://www.mssociety.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.

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

Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB)

[Grants from RNIB | 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 to get statutory funding. Grants can only be used for certain types of equipment.

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.

The Terrence Higgins Trust

<http://www.tht.org.uk/>

The Terrence Higgins Trust (THT) is the national charity for people in the UK with HIV/AIDS. It has a hardship fund for people living with these conditions, who face difficulty or extra expenditure because of their HIV status.

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.

VICTA

<http://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, brailers and sensory toys. Please see website above or call 01908 240 831.

Housing

LiveWest Grants

<https://www.livewest.co.uk/my-community/grants>

Crisis and Hardship grants are available for LiveWest customers only who may be experiencing financial difficulties as a result of an unforeseen crisis or emergency. Their Tenancy Sustainment team will talk to you about your situation and assess your financial circumstances to determine if there is any support they can give. They may require evidence of income or savings to help them to reach a decision.

Education

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. The Elmgrant Trust is a charity which makes grants for charitable purposes to individuals living in the south west of England and to organisations and groups with projects in the south west. By so doing it aims to improve the quality of local life and welfare through education, the arts and social sciences.

Diamond Education Grant

<https://sigbi.org/what-we-do/our-charities/deg/>

This grant awarding body was set up by our Federation (SIGBI) in 1972. Its purpose is to provide grants to assist women to update their skills after employment breaks or to acquire new skills to improve their opportunities for employment and promotion. Awards are made to help towards the cost of course fees or books/equipment, not for living expenses.

The Douglas Bomford Trust

<http://www.dbt.org.uk/>

Grants are available for higher education students who are studying agricultural engineering or a similar degree.

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 architecture, further education in the field of crafts, or 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.

Lawrence Atwell's Charity

<https://www.skinners.org.uk/atwell/individuals/>

Grants are available for young people from low-income backgrounds, to help them gain vocational, accredited qualifications. We offer grants from £100 to £1,500 for people aged 16 to 26, to take courses (up to level 3) that will help them move into employment. Funding can be given for course fees, equipment/materials, travel costs and childcare. The charity does not give grants for secondary education, university or postgraduate degrees or courses at a private dance/drama college. We also don't give grants for general welfare purposes.

Sidney Perry Foundation

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

Non-profit organisation dedicated to providing grants to students. "To assist persons to obtain education in its widest sense, other than primary, when the expenses thereof would without such assistance be beyond their means". 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.

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust

<http://www.qest.org.uk/>

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST) is a charity that funds the education of talented and aspiring crafts people through traditional university or college courses, vocational training, apprenticeships or one-on-one training with master craftsmen/women. QEST has funded craftspeople across more than 150 craft disciplines, ranging from millinery to thatching, arms and armour restoration to ice sculpture and basket weaving to musical instrument making.

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.

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.

Energy

British Gas

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

The British Gas Energy Trust may be able to provide a grant if you are struggling to pay off gas or electricity debt. Please note grants over £1,500 will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. The grants are open to customers of any energy supplier.

EDF Energy

<https://www.edfenergy.com/for-home/help-support/energy-bill-debt-advice>

If you're a vulnerable customer you may be able to get a grant from the EDF Customer Support Fund through our Priority Services Register. This grant could help clear your gas or electricity debts.

E.on Next

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

The aim of the E.ON Next Energy Fund is to help E.ON Next customers who are experiencing financial hardship and struggling. The scheme help with paying your gas and electricity bills through grants, helping you to become financially stable and more importantly, getting you back in control of your finances.

Octopus Energy Octo Assist Fund

<https://octopus.energy/blog/struggling-to-pay/>

Octopus have set up a £7 million Octo Assist Fund as part of their campaign to help those worried about paying for their energy this Winter. No set limit - depends on your circumstances.

Scottish Power Hardship Fund

<https://community.scottishpower.co.uk/t5/Extra-Help/Hardship-Fund/ta-p/53>

Are you struggling to pay your ScottishPower debt? Because some customers have difficulties paying their bills due to low income or other circumstances, ScottishPower has a Hardship Fund to help them get their energy payments under control. The Fund can help by clearing or reducing arrears by crediting a customer's ScottishPower energy account.

Utility Warehouse

<https://citizensadviceplymouth.org.uk/our-services/>

Utility Warehouse project helps customers who may be experiencing or at risk of fuel poverty or are in financial hardship. Advisers and caseworkers provide holistic debt advice, including income maximisation, budgeting, benefit eligibility, and energy efficiency. They can advise on eligibility and support with applications for a one-off payment of £150 (financial assistance scheme) or debt write-off through the Utility Warehouse Customer Support Scheme. To apply for support, call Utility Warehouse on 0333 777 0777.

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. The scheme is paid for by the large energy suppliers and is available for all eligible privately owned or rented properties, providing that someone living in the home is in receipt of certain qualifying benefits.

General

Acts 435

[Acts 435](#)

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).

The Blyth Watson Charitable Trust

One-off grants between £1,000 and £5,000 are available to UK registered charities for humanitarian causes in the United Kingdom and/or overseas, particularly for the relief of suffering and supporting people at risk of harm. The Blyth Watson Charitable Trust generally awards one-off grant to UK registered charities, It prefers to support smaller, more local groups, rather than large national charities and usually awards grants totalling between £50,000 and £55,000 at its two meetings each year (these normally take place in July and December). **A small budget of up to £7,000 is also set aside for applications from individuals.** The Trust's main area of interest is supporting humanitarian causes, particularly:

- o The welfare of humanity, especially in acting to improve the living conditions of people who are impoverished or disadvantaged, and
- o Supporting people who are in danger of harm or death,

Please note that the Trust does not maintain a website Further information is, however, available on the Charity Commission website. Applications may be made at any time in writing and are considered at the Trust's meeting in either July or December.

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.

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.

Al-Mizan Charitable Trust: General Welfare Fund

[Apply for Support \(almizantrust.org.uk\)](http://almizantrust.org.uk)

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.

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.

The Talismans Charity

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

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.

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 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.

Smallwood Trust Cost of Living Fund

<https://www.smallwoodtrust.org.uk/grants-individuals-COST%20OF%20LIVING>

The Fund supports some of the women who are likely to be disproportionately affected by the rise in the cost of living. If you would like to be considered as a Cost of Living referral organisation, please complete the Expression of Interest form and the grants team will be in contact with you to explain the next steps.

The Tallulah Lewis Foundation Limited

Small grants are available to UK organisations, groups and individuals working in the UK and/or overseas with children and young people facing financial hardship, poverty and ill-health. The Foundation's purposes, as set out in its Articles of Association are:

- o The relief of financial hardship among young people living or working in the UK and/or overseas by providing goods, services or education which they could not otherwise afford through lack of means, and
- o The relief of young sick or poor living in the UK and/or overseas through the provision of grants, goods or services.

Applications may be made at any time. Please note that there are separate application processes for organisations and individuals. The Foundation does not maintain a website, but more details can be found here: [Charity overview, THE TALLULAH LEWIS FOUNDATION LIMITED - 1190986, Register of Charities - The Charity Commission](#)

Older Age

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 discharge from hospital to home.

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.

**** 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.