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Household Equipment Grants



Thomas Betton's Charity for Pensions & Relief in Need

One-off grants, to people in need, of £100 to £250 for household items such as furniture, kitchen equipment and bedding.

No grants are given towards medical expenses, holidays, travel expenses, funerals, educational purposes, structural improvements to property, rent debts unless exceptional, removal costs, computers or TV/audio equipment or TV licenses. Applications are not accepted on behalf of individuals with debts in excess of £500.

Applications for grants are only accepted from accredited social work agencies, on behalf of their clients. The administration of these grants is delegated to another charity, Housing the Homeless Central Fund. The social worker should write to the following address enclosing an SAE and describing what the grant is for: Housing the Homeless Central Fund, 2 Evershed House, Old Castle Street, London E1 7NU.

Application must be by post on their application form

Referral agency must make the application

Contact: Helen Sant, Charities Administrator, Ironmongers Hall, Barbican, London EC2Y 8AA

Telephone: 020 7776 2311

Email: clerk@ironhall.co.uk

Website: www.ironhall.co.uk/charities/individuals.htm

The Percy Bilton Charity

- (i) elderly people over 65 on a low income
- (ii) children or adults with a physical or learning disability
- (iii) children or adults receiving hospital or other medical treatment for a long term illness (including mental illness).

One-off grants up to £200 towards essentials such as laundry equipment, white goods, bedding, clothing, heating equipment, furniture and floor coverings.

The following will NOT be funded: payment towards items costing over £200 (e.g. wheelchair, riser/recliner chair or bed), reimbursements, holidays/travel, respite care, educational grants, computers, house adaptations/maintenance, debts of any kind, garden fencing or clearance, purchase of a vehicle, nursing and residential home fees, funeral expenses, medical treatment or therapy.

Application must be by post on their application form

Referral agency must make the application

Contact: Wendy Fuller, Bilton House, 7 Culmington Road, Ealing, London W13 9NB

Telephone: 020 8579 2829

Fax: 020 8579 3650

Website: www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk

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Cystic Fibrosis Trust

The Trust is able to help families and CF adults in many ways including offering financial help and advice and through its own small grants scheme for those experiencing particular difficulty at a time of stress or crisis relating to CF. Most areas of need will be considered however funds are limited and so the trust is unable to help with debts or ongoing expenses (such as driving lessons or the cost of running a car) or with major projects such as home improvements/maintenance or purchasing a car.

Grants have been given for: assistance to purchase household items directly relating to Cystic Fibrosis; providing help with the cost of a necessary break after a period of stress or crisis; paying for help in the home which may mean keeping the person with CF out of hospital; financial assistance for those setting up home for the first time; help with costs during hospitalisation; funding a young adult's first annual prescription prepayment certificate; help with funeral costs.

Full details on website.

Application must be by post on their application form

Person in need must make the application

Contact: Welfare Grants Officer, 11 London Road, Bromley, Kent BR1 1BY

Telephone: 0845 859 1020 (welfare helpline)

Fax: 020 8313 0472

Email: enquiries@cftrust.org.uk

Website: www.cftrust.org.uk

W E Dunn Charitable Trust

Grants for education and relief in need to people who live in the West Midlands. Welfare grants are given for a wide range of needs including clothing and furniture; convalescence holidays; domestic equipment, medical/disability equipment. No grants for debts already incurred.

Educational grant applications should be submitted by a parent/school or welfare agency, except in the case of mature students. Applications for welfare grants should be through a welfare agency.

Applications are considered weekly.

Application should be by letter

Either the person in need or a referral agency may apply

Contact: D J Corney, The Trust Office, 30 Bentley Heath Cottages, Tilehouse Green Lane Knowle, Solihull B93 9EL

Telephone: 01564 773407

Family Action

Previously known as the Family Welfare Association, the Grants Service distributes funds from over 70 trusts that have very diverse eligibility criteria, allowing them to meet a wide variety of needs.

Welfare grants:

Clothing, fuel bills, household needs such as beds and cookers are most commonly requested, but can also help with more varied needs. Cannot help with rent arrears, council tax, funeral costs, fines, expenses covered by statutory funds, gifts, debts (except utility bills), Social Fund repayments.

Applicants must fall into one or more of their priority areas -

- Mental Health (individuals over the age of 18): Supporting evidence, including date of diagnosis, is required from a relevant professional
 - Domestic Violence
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- Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Older People: aged 60 and over
- Young People: aged 19 to 25
- Sickness/Disability: Small grants available for medical treatment (particularly special treatment), services, facilities or equipment for those who are sick or physically disabled.

Full details are on their website.

Payment in all cases is made to the referring agency or an intermediary and not direct to beneficiaries. Most grants are from £100-£200. Applications must be made by a social worker or other professional.

Educational grants:

Educational grants can be given for such needs as travel costs, books and equipment, school uniforms, trips etc.

All applications for educational grants must be made by completing an online form on the Family Action website, or printing out and filling in a written form.

Prisoners' Fund:

Small grants are available for educational purposes to serving prisoners undertaking a course of education or training while in prison. Applicants must clearly demonstrate that the course they wish to do builds on a planned education/training programme aimed at improving employment prospects on release. Preference will be given to applicants nearing the end of their sentence.

All applications must be submitted with a reference from the prison education authority and a supporting statement from the applicant outlining how they fulfill the eligibility criteria outlined above.

Horizons Education Fund:

Supports lone parents who have the motivation, determination and ability to improve their employment prospects. Makes grants towards course expenses for any courses where the applicant can demonstrate that study will improve employment prospects but preference will be given to applicants for whom statutory funding is not available.

Check their website for full details, application forms and funding priorities.

Application must be by post on their application form

Referral agency must make the application

Contact: The Grants Manager, 501-505 Kingsland Road, Dalston, London E8 4AU

Telephone: 020 7254 6251

Fax: 020 7249 5443

Website: www.family-action.org.uk

The R L Glasspool Charity Trust

Provides one-off grants (average around £250) to people in need on low incomes and in distressed circumstances. Mainly funds household equipment.

No grants towards: loans, debts, rent, funerals, education, repairs or building work. The trust no longer supports major kitchen appliances but provides these items in kind.

Where appropriate applications should always be made first to statutory sources and any relevant specialist charities (medical/employment related/armed forces charities).

Applications are considered on receipt.

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Referral agency must make the application

Contact: Mrs. F Moore, Administrator, Saxon House (2nd Floor), 182 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, London E17 4QH

Telephone: 020 8520 4354

Hunt & Almshouse Charity

The Charity can accept applications from adults who:

- live in England
- are in receipt of a State Retirement Pension or a disability benefit
- are in receipt of a means-tested benefit (eg, Income Support, Housing Benefit)
- live alone (not including dependent children or carers)

Gives grants for essential household items (eg. furniture, white goods); computer equipment (eg. adapted systems for people with disabilities) and mobility equipment (eg. wheelchairs, scooters, adapted vehicles).

Grants rarely exceed £500 for female applicants and £100 for male applicants. This is because the majority of the Charity's funds were left in trust for women only. Applications must be supported by a professional third party who knows the applicant well. This might be a social worker, occupational therapist, CAB or local charity adviser.

Applications from women can be considered on a regular basis. Applications from men are only considered once a year, usually in June.

Application must be by post on their application form

Either the person in need or a referral agency may apply

Contact: The Charities Administrator, Skinners' Hall, 8 Dowgate Hill, London EC4R 2SP

Telephone: 020 7213 0562

Email: charitiesadmin@skinners.org.uk

Website: www.skinnershall.co.uk/charities/hunt-and-almshouse-charity.htm

The Heinz, Anna & Carol Kroch Foundation

Provides one-off grants to people in need who are suffering severe poverty and financial hardship and who also have an ongoing medical problem. The trust will also consider applications from those who have recently suffered from domestic violence.

No grants for educational purposes or holidays.

Applications are considered monthly and should be made by a suitable recognised body. Full details of the background, family makeup and financial details are required.

Application should be by letter

Referral agency must make the application

Contact: Mrs. H Astle, Administrator, PO Box 5, Bentham, Lancaster LA2 7XA

Telephone: 01524 263001

Fax: 01524 262721

Email: hakf50@hotmail.com

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The League of the Helping Hand

Provides one off grants of up to £250, to those who have an illness, physical disability, mental health problem, learning disability or are caring for an adult or child who is disabled, elderly or ill. Help is only given to people who are experiencing financial hardship and who are living on a very low income.

Gives grants for a variety of items including: essential household items such as a cooker, bed/bedding, fridge, washing machine etc; telephone connection, heating bills, specialist equipment that cannot be obtained through Health or Social Services; clothing including school uniform; fares/travel expenses for visiting someone in hospital; rent or utility arrears due to a stay in hospital (not general debts).

Does not fund: electric wheelchairs & scooters, stair lifts, hoists etc; building works; education related costs; debts; alternative therapies; support for refugees unless they have been granted residency/asylum; holidays unless recuperative following an illness/stay in hospital, or a carer's break

Also funds carers' breaks in the UK and provides recurrent grants to regular beneficiaries as quarterly payments, birthday and Christmas cards, regular newsletters and yearly visits.

Applications are considered two or three times a month.

LHH supports between 70 - 80 ill and disabled people who have been identified as being in need of on going help. We provide quarterly payments to help with daily living costs and keep in regular contact via quarterly newsletters, birthday & Christmas cards and a visit from the Secretary once a year.

Full details on their website. Please enclose SAE.

Application must be by post on their application form

Referral agency must make the application

Contact: The Secretary, PO Box 2548, Henfield, West Sussex BN5 9WS

Telephone: 01273 493551

Email: secretary@lh.org.uk

Website: www.lhh.org.uk

Newby Trust Limited

Grants for welfare purposes and medical needs are made through Social Services and similar organisations.

Grants normally range from £10 to £200 per individual / family unit (cheques are payable to the organisation applying and not to the individual), which should be prepared to monitor the expenditure. The Trust does not provide full funding for larger items (such as washing machines) but will, for a successful application, provide a contribution towards overall costs. In order to ensure that funds are distributed evenly across the year, the trust now ONLY accepts applications online. This means that once the funds for a particular month have been exhausted, the application form is withdrawn until the next month.

Application must be by completing their application form online

Referral agency must make the application

Contact: Miss W Gillam, Secretary, Hill Farm, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hants GU32 1BQ

Telephone: 01730 827557

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Fax: 01730 827938
Email: info@newby-trust.org.uk
Website: www.newby-trust.org.uk

Severn Trent Trust Fund

Grants are given to write off people's bills to the company and to give people a 'fresh start' and a manageable budget for the future. Further assistance can also be given towards essential household items or other priority bills (i.e. utility bills). Further assistance grants are limited and will normally only be given if an application shows either that it will help the individual make a future sustainable weekly budget or it will make an important and significant difference to the individual's quality of life.

Does not help with: court fines, catalogue debts, credit cards, personal loans or other forms of, borrowing, Social Fund Loans/Benefit Overpayments/Tax Credit overpayments now being reclaimed.

The fund is only open to those who receive water or sewerage services from Severn Trent Water - the area is bounded by Wales, East Leicestershire, Humber Estuary and the Bristol Channel.

Full details on their website. Forms can also be requested by e-mail or downloaded from the trust's website. Unsuccessful applicants can reapply after six months.

Application must be by post on their application form

Either the person in need or a referral agency may apply

Contact: S G Braley, Chief Executive, FREEPOST RLZE - EABT – SHSA Sutton Coldfield B72 1TJ
Telephone: 0121 355 7766
Fax: 0121 354 8485
Email: office@sttf.org.uk
Website: www.sttf.org.uk

Sir John Sumner's Trust

One-off grants to people in need.

There is a strong preference for people from the Midlands. Applications should be supported by a welfare agency.

Application must be by post on their application form

Referral agency must make the application

Contact: Ian Henderson, Secretary, No. 1 Colmore Square, Birmingham B4 6AA

Independence at Home

Grants for people who are severely ill or substantially disabled towards the cost of adaptations, equipment or other things to help the person to manage at home, and which are not available from public funds.

There are no grants for medical treatment or therapies, funeral expenses; debts and arrears; leisure equipment such as TVs; motor vehicles (although may be able to help towards the cost of adaptations); telephone rental or call charges; TV licences. Does not make regular grants to any individual and, although can sometimes help more than once, but does not make a second grant within a 12 month period.

Applications are considered at any time.

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Referral agency must make the application

Contact: Mrs. Mary Rose, Fourth Floor, Congress House, 14 Lyon Road, Harrow HA1 2EN

Telephone: 020 8427 7929

Fax: 020 8424 2937

Email: iah@independenceathome.org.uk

Website: www.independenceathome.org.uk

Referral Agencies

- Social Workers
- Health Care Professionals
- CAB
- etc.

We cannot be held responsible for the level of service provided by the organisations included in this publication.

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