

Grants for Families



A grant guide for professionals working with families in need.



For the majority of grants evidence of entitlement to any one of the following will be needed, Government grants and hundreds from small charities are available for individuals on a low income for all kinds of help. Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Related Employment Support Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit Pension Credit. You may still apply but you will need to provide extra information about your household income. Grants are discretionary and subject to available funding.

Universal credit has a 'Flexible Support Fund' to help support jobseekers looking for work.

Each job centre decides how to use their fund which can include things such as cost of transport, childcare, work clothes, tools and more (during the job search or to enable you to accept an offer of employment) if an adviser believes it'll make the transition into work easier. Ask your local office if it provides any help.

The cash can be requested for any reasonable expense, yet no one has a right to the money - it's completely at the discretion of each adviser, who will look for specific needs. If you think it'll help you, speak to an adviser at your local Jobcentre Plus.

Baron Davenport's Charity - emergency grants

The charity gives emergency grants for single ladies who live alone, or only live with their children. The charity also gives grants to children and young adults under the age of 25 who don't have fathers. Grants are given mainly to help purchase an essential household item, such as a cooker or fridge, bed or bedding, essential furniture or carpets or flooring.

PLEASE NOTE: We do not accept applications directly from individuals. Online applications must be made by a support worker who is part of an organisation that is supporting the lady or children.

[Emergency Grants - Guidelines | Baron Davenport's Charity](#)

The Thomas Bromwich Charity

The Charity provides one-off grants to those who find themselves in need or struggling financially who live in Handsworth, Great Barr, and Perry Barr. Grants are available to help with, Living expenses, Repair or replacement of appliances, Help with small debts, Emergency payments for those with no recourse to public funds, A range of other needs. Applicants must live within the following postcode areas to be eligible: Only those parts of B6, B18, B19, B20, and B21 which are in Handsworth (Newtown, Hockley and Ladywood do not come under the charity's auspices), B42, B43, B44 and some parts of B66, B74, WS5 and WS9.

[The Thomas Bromwich Charity - Turn2Us](#)

Caudwell Children -Warm Homes

A family support service that also looks to alleviate fuel poverty amongst families with disabled children in the East Midlands and West Midlands. Caudwell Children will provide a family support service; as well as advice to help families use their energy more efficiently, and manage household income, bills and debts To be eligible, you must meet the following qualifying criteria: Have a child with a disability (under the age of 19), Would like help understanding and managing your home energy usage and household bills. Skilled volunteers will talk through any concerns or issues that a family identifies and will jointly create a plan which might include things such as housing, education, applying for grants, family or social difficulties, providing information on local specialist support services and medical conditions, and information about the range of services provided by Caudwell Children.

[Warm Homes - Caudwell Children](#)

3h fund Grant Programme

Our grant programme assists families on a low income who have a family member with disabilities to organise their own UK holiday. The grant is given for the accommodation part of the holiday and is paid directly to the chosen venue. The charity also liaise with social workers and caring organisations to assist applicants and to identify those needing assistance.

Carers can also be awarded a grant for a UK holiday away from their caring role.

[Grants for families with a disabled family member to have a holiday.3H – Helping Hands for Holidays \(3hfund.org.uk\)](#)

Family Fund

Helping families across the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under. You can apply to Family Fund if: You are the parent or carer of a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 0-17 who lives with you and you are currently living in the UK and done so for at least six months, or three months if your child is less than six months old. You are eligible to work and apply for public funds. If you've read the information and think you would be eligible, [you can get started right now](#) and [register to apply online](#), [download an application pack](#) or [we can send a pack to you](#).

Family Action's Welfare Grants

Family Action's Welfare Grants programme aims to help prevent an immediate crisis from spiralling and threatening the stability of families and individuals. A broken washing machine for example would for many of us be a financial burden to replace; for a family with three children and a very low income however it may mean taking out a high-street loan and plunging further debt. Welfare grants are an integral part of our whole family approach to finding solutions for those who need it the most. Coupled with emotional and practical support, grants help us to create a safety net for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our society. All applications must be made, on-line, by a suitable referring agency. All applications must be made, on-line, by a suitable referring agency.

[Welfare Grants - Family Action \(family-action.org.uk\)](http://family-action.org.uk)

Thomas Wall Trust

Our individual grants programme aims to support motivated adults living in the UK to undertake education and training that will increase their chances of employment. We offer grants up to £1,500 to undertake accredited vocational training up to level 3 (Qualification levels explained) and towards other costs associated with studying.

Grantees may apply for up to £1,500 towards course fees (the course must be an accredited vocational course up to level 3) AND/OR costs associated with studying including: child care, travel and mobility costs, and accessible study materials. We do contribute towards funding specialist equipment, but rarely at the maximum grant amount.

[Grants for Individuals - Thomas Wall Trust](#)

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme

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. [BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme - Family Fund Business Services](#)
[Family Fund Business Services \(familyfundsolutions.co.uk\)](http://familyfundsolutions.co.uk)

No longer award grants for laptops, iPads and toys & games. The temporary funding for these items has now been fully allocated. In order to reduce delays, we ask that you only contact us about an application if absolutely necessary.

We are unable to take phone calls during this time but please contact us by email (stating your application ID if possible): emergencyessentials@familyfundsolutions.co.uk

Birmingham's Local Welfare Provision

The scheme helps vulnerable people in short-term crisis with food and essential items. It is grant-based, which means people who receive help from it will not have to repay anything. It is not intended to replace the councils' statutory duties.

The scheme is funded on an annual basis and once the fund has been exhausted for that financial year, there will be no further awards.

The scheme is purely discretionary and people have no statutory right to an award.

Perry Barr Kelly Bagnall 0121 752 1900 PerrybarrEHnetwork@spurgeons.org

Extra Financial Support

If families are struggling with payments for a gas, electric or water bill, contact your supplier to let them know. They will discuss your options to help you repay the arrears. Find out more about dealing with [utility bills](#).

In some situations, suppliers will have further support available for customers who are struggling with money. Help varies between suppliers, and you can find a useful [summary of the different energy schemes available around the country](#) (PDF) here.

Credit unions are local cooperatives designed to provide facilities for savings and loans. They're owned and run to provide help for their members. They have three main aims:

- To provide loans at low rates
- To encourage all members to save regularly
- To help members in need of financial advice and help

You'll need to be a member of a credit union before you can get a loan from them, and some will require you to build up some savings first.

To find out whether your local credit union might be able to help you financially, first [find a credit union in your area](#), and get in touch with them.

Family Connect

Some families need support from more than one professional. We no longer make referrals for early help, but connect and work together to support families, continuing to build relationships and supporting a range of needs of all family members.

To get support for a child, young people or a family, please complete the Family Connect form for Professionals.

[Family Connect Form - for Professionals](#)

If you are a parent then please complete the Family Connect form for self-identification.

[Family Connect Form - Self Identification](#)

Energy bills

The following energy companies offer grants and schemes that are open to anyone, not just their own customers: [British Gas Energy Trust](#) / [EDF Energy Trust](#) / [E.on Energy Fund](#)

There are also companies who offer grants specifically for their customers: [Npower Energy Fund](#), [Scottish Power Hardship Fund](#), [OVO Energy Fund](#), SSE Priority Assistance Fund - check eligibility by calling 0800 072 8616.

For other providers or general advice, contact [Simple Energy Advice](#) on 0800 444 202 (for England and Wales),

Handsworth Association of Schools

Contact us if you need any support to access grants for families

