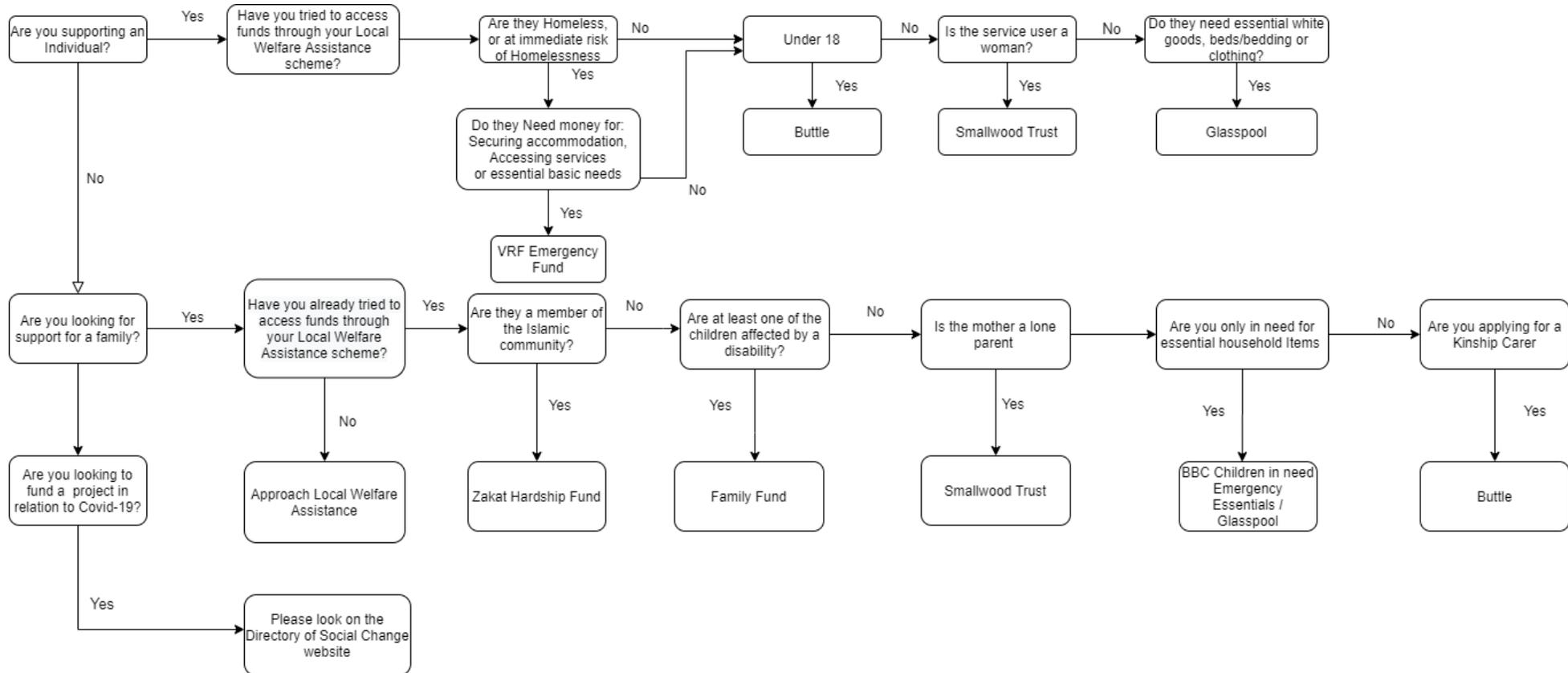


## Crisis Support: National Funders

This document will support community organisations to help clients facing financial crisis by locating and accessing funding from national grant and or goods providers. It provides a breakdown of what you can get, who you can apply to and how you can make an application.



**Please more note that all funds listed are provided on a discretionary basis. Funds are not guaranteed even if a beneficiary meets the eligibility criteria.** Funding streams are liable to change. This document will be reviewed periodically, but please check an individual organisation's website for their most up-to-date information.



## National Funders Summary:

### Local Welfare Assistance

Local Welfare Assistance should be your first port of call. It will provide funds on a discretionary basis to support those vulnerable local residents and those facing immediate financial crisis. If you are supporting someone over the age of 16 they may be eligible to receive support (from the Local Authority in England or DAF in Wales) for:

- Food, shopping and accessing medication
- Essential household furniture and white goods
- Fuel and utility costs

### Buttle UK

Buttle UK awards grants to of up to £2,000 for children and young people impacted by recent crisis to provide items and activities. They are designed to support a safe and nurturing place to develop and grow up in. They also help children and young people access activities that promote wellbeing and build support networks. Their goal is to increase the capacity of children and young people to engage in education, as well as improve social and emotional wellbeing.

Buttle UK will provide funding to:

- Essential furniture and household goods *e.g. Cooker, fridge, beds & bedding.*
- Support access to training and education *e.g. Travel fees, access to a laptop, books, school uniform*
- Psycho-social support *e.g. Counselling, recreational & social activities, after school clubs*

Organisations applying for funding must register with Buttle online to be able to administer the funds themselves as payments will not be made direct to beneficiary.

### Family Fund

If you are supporting a family of a child with a disability or serious illness they may be able to access a range of grants from Family Fund. They provide funds for families to support:

- Essential personal and household goods e.g. Cookers, fridge, beds & bedding
- Devices to aid play and education e.g. tablets and laptops, games consoles and sensory toys
- Items which support families to have a break: Outdoor play equipment, day trips and family breaks (CV-19 Restrictions allowing

## Glasspool

Glasspool does not have any set requirements for beneficiaries, provided their needs cannot be supported through statutory funding. Glasspool provide essential household furniture and goods such as:

- White goods and essential household furniture
- Clothing, including School uniforms
- Contributions to adaptations to housing for people living with disabilities

## In Kind Direct

In Kind Direct is a UK charity providing life's essentials. Charitable organisations register online for free in order to access new goods with huge savings. Products include:

- Cleaning and laundry products
- Other household products including toilet rolls, small appliances, cookware, bedding
- Toiletries and personal hygiene product including shampoo and period products
- Toys and games
- Baby essentials including nappies and wipes
- Office and work including stationary
- Clothing and footwear

## Vicar Relief Emergency Fund

Vicar Relief Fund provides financial support for those without accommodation or who are immediate risk of becoming homeless. This includes ensuring people are able to access support and accommodation:

- Basic Essential needs *e.g. food, hygiene packs, utility bills*
- Overcoming barriers to support *e.g. phone credit, Wi-Fi, laptops*
- Securing accommodation *e.g. Security deposits, rent arrears*

## Smallwood Trust

Smallwood trust provide small grants and support for women on low incomes who are trying to overcome financial difficulties. This includes single women and women in single parent families or multiple adult households. They do not have strict list of items or services they fund, provided the money helps support:

- Financial stability and relief of hardship
- Employment pathways and loss of income

- Housing needs
- Mental health and well-being

## Zakat Foundation

The Zakat Foundation provides financial support to Muslim families and individuals who are facing financial hardship, so they can purchase essential goods or for debt relief. The amount of the one-off payments varies depending on family size and level of debt.

## Turn2Us Grants Search

The online Grants Search enables individuals to search for sources of support from over 1,500 separate funds. Search results include more information on specific funders' eligibility criteria and application processes. Users can filter results by characteristics such as age, location, employment history and any health conditions they may have.

Many of the funds can be applied to directly by the individual but some will require a third part referral.

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<b>Local Welfare Assistance Scheme</b>			
	<p><b>Who is eligible?</b></p> <p>Eligibility criteria will likely be different for each local authority. It is a discretionary fund and a beneficiary may be able to access funds if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are unemployed</li> <li>• Have dependent children</li> <li>• Have a disability or mental health problem</li> <li>• They have applied for income-related benefits</li> <li>• Are fleeing domestic violence</li> </ul> <p>Provision varies between areas. <a href="#">Check</a> with your Local Authority in England or the Discretionary Assistance Fund in Wales.</p>	<p><b>What can you apply for?</b></p> <p>As the fund is discretionary, and criteria changes between authorities and the devolved governments, there is no standard list of items that can be funded by Local welfare assistance. Generally, local welfare assistance schemes will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• help to get food,</li> <li>• access services,</li> <li>• pay for utilities</li> <li>• essential household items and white goods.</li> </ul> <p>More details on what your local scheme will support can be found by using this <a href="#">map</a> or contacting your local authority directly.</p>	<p><b>How to apply?</b></p> <p>To apply you will need to follow the process of your local authority scheme. Not all English LAs have a scheme and people in Wales should apply to the Welsh Government's Discretionary Assistance Fund. Use our <a href="#">map</a> to find out more.</p>
<b><u>Buttle UK</u></b>			
<p><b><u>Chances for Children</u></b></p> <p>Individually tailored grants of up to £2,000 for children and young people who have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant impact on their social and emotional wellbeing, and educational engagement.</p>	<p><b>Who is eligible?</b></p> <p>Children and young people must meet <b>all</b> criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be children or a young person aged 18 and under, if living with parent/carer, <b>or</b> 20 and under if living independently, with little or no support from their family</li> <li>• Be living on a low income and experiencing financial hardship</li> <li>• The children and young people have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant</li> </ul>	<p><b>What can you apply for?</b></p> <p>Buttle UK funds holistic packages of support for children and young people. The grants are up to £2,000 and could include, but are not limited to...</p> <p>Items and activities to support learning and development such as laptops, books, wi-fi, educational toys, tuition etc.</p> <p>Social and leisure activities</p> <p>Family activities</p> <p>Items for children/ young people's bedrooms</p>	<p><b>How to apply?</b></p> <p>Applications must be made by a support worker, on behalf of the beneficiary. Families cannot apply directly.</p> <p>Before an application is made, your organisation will need to register using this <a href="#">online form</a>. The information provided will need to be verified by Buttle before an application can be submitted.</p> <p>Applications can be made using this <a href="#">online platform</a>.</p>

	<p>and enduring impact on all three of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ their social wellbeing</li> <li>○ their emotional wellbeing</li> <li>○ and their educational engagement</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The family or young person has recently taken action to improve their situation, are actively engaging with support and are moving on from the crisis</li> </ul>	Other household items that are not available from sources such as Local Authority Welfare Assistance Schemes	<b>Organisations applying will need to be able to administer funds.</b>
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## Family Fund

<p>Help for families across the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 and under.</p>	<p><b>Who is eligible?</b></p> <p>You can apply to Family Fund if:</p> <p>You live in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales</p> <p>You are the parent or carer of a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 0-17 who lives with you</p> <p>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.</p> <p>You are eligible to work and apply for public funds</p> <p>Your child is not in Local Authority care</p> <p>Families need evidence of entitlement to any one of the following:</p>	<p><b>What can you apply for?</b></p> <p>Grants include:</p> <p>Essential goods such as washing machines, cookers, dishwashers, furniture, clothing and bedding.</p> <p>Technology such as tablets, laptops and games consoles.</p> <p>Items which help with play and recreation including sensory toys, family breaks and outdoor play equipment.</p> <p>Also offer grants for other things, and are happy for families to <u>contact them</u> with requests for things that they can prove will help meet a child's additional needs.</p>	<p><b>How to apply?</b></p> <p>Families can <u>apply online</u>, download an application form or ask for one to be sent to them.</p> <p>After you have been awarded a grant, you can submit another application nine months from the date of your last award letter.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universal Credit</li> <li>• Child Tax Credit</li> <li>• Working Tax Credit</li> <li>• Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance</li> <li>• Income Related Employment Support Allowance</li> <li>• Income Support</li> <li>• Housing Benefit</li> <li>• Pension Credit.</li> </ul> <p>Your child or young person has a high level of additional support needs arising from a long term disability or disabling condition or a serious or life limiting illness. Please read their <a href="#">disability criteria</a>.</p> <p>A family must meet all Family Fund eligibility criteria in order to be considered for a grant.</p>		
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**Family Fund: BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials**

<p>The BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances, and is delivered by Family Fund.</p> <p>The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs.</p>	<p><b>Who is eligible?</b></p> <p>This Fund will provide support for :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vulnerable children and young people up to the age of 18 who are experiencing a crisis or emergency.</li> <li>• UK or EU citizens who are normally resident in the UK. (Discretion may be given where a child or young person have an asylum application under assessment or in circumstances</li> </ul>	<p><b>What can you apply for?</b></p> <p>Critical items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electric cookers</li> <li>• Furniture</li> <li>• Kitchen equipment and small appliances</li> <li>• Children's beds and bedding (including cots)</li> <li>• Washing machines and tumble dryers</li> <li>• Fridges, freezers and fridge-freezers</li> <li>• Baby equipment</li> <li>• Clothing</li> </ul>	<p><b>How to apply?</b></p> <p>Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs.</p> <p>The referrer's organisation should also be able to administer and supervise the grant on our behalf.</p>
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	where residency criteria is not consistent across the family unit.		To apply you will need to <u>register online</u> , once registration is completed you will need to <u>apply online</u> .
	They can only accept one application per household within a 12 month period		

## Glasspool

<p><b><u>Essential Living Fund</u></b></p> <p>Provide timely, small, one-off grants to individuals, couples and families for everyday items.</p> <p>During Covid-19, there are limitations on when applications can be more. Check the Glasspool <u>website</u> for updated information.</p>	<p><b>Who is eligible?</b></p> <p>There is no restriction on beneficiaries as long as they are legally resident in the UK.</p> <p>All eligible support must have been sought from statutory agencies and charitable organisations such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Authority Welfare Assistance Schemes</li> <li>• Occupational charities</li> <li>• Medical charities</li> <li>• Local charities</li> <li>• Charities supporting specific client groups e.g. children</li> </ul>	<p><b>What can you apply for?</b></p> <p>You may apply for up to three items, however it is unlikely that all three will be provided. The below items are most routinely funded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baby needs (equipment and clothing)</li> <li>• Beds and bedding (including sofa beds)</li> <li>• Clothing and school uniforms</li> <li>• Cookers</li> <li>• Fridges, freezers or fridge-freezers</li> <li>• Washing machines</li> <li>• Furniture</li> </ul> <p>An applicant/family can receive a grant once every three years.</p>	<p><b>How to apply?</b></p> <p>Applications only accepted from support workers in registered organisations.</p> <p>Criteria for suitable organisations can be found <u>here</u>.</p> <p>Registration and applications should be submitted the GrantPlus portal: <a href="https://www.grantsplus.org.uk/">https://www.grantsplus.org.uk/</a></p>
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## In Kind Direct

<p>In Kind Direct is a UK charity providing life's essentials. Charitable organisations register online for free in order to access new goods with huge savings.</p>	<p><b>Who is eligible?</b></p> <p>Almost any UK-registered charity, not-for-profit and social enterprise can register for free to receive goods.</p>	<p><b>What can you apply for?</b></p> <p>Once registered, organisations can access the full range of products, donated by leading manufacturers and retailers. Products include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleaning and laundry products</li> <li>• Other household products including toilet rolls, small appliances, cookware, bedding</li> <li>• Toiletries and personal hygiene product including shampoo and period products</li> </ul>	<p><b>How to apply?</b></p> <p>Organisations can complete a registration form online <u>here</u>.</p> <p>Registration is free and they aim to have organisations up and running in three working days.</p> <p>If your organisation isn't registered with the Charity Commission, Charity</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toys and games</li> <li>• Baby essentials including nappies and wipes</li> <li>• Office and work including stationary</li> <li>• Clothing and footwear</li> </ul> <p>There is a small charge for products, which is a contribution towards the cost of the service and includes UK delivery- as a charity, In Kind Direct meet the rest. Their service allows charitable organisations to access essentials with huge savings, around 80-90% off retail price.</p> <p>Organisations can also access further benefits with other trusted partners.</p>	<p>Commission for Northern Ireland, OSCR or Companies House, a member of the team will contact you for any further information needed to process your registration.</p> <p>For any further information, visit the <a href="#">website</a> or take a look at their <a href="#">Help</a> section</p>
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## Smallwood Trust

	<b>Who is eligible?</b>	<b>What can you apply for?</b>	<b>How to apply?</b>
<p>Smallwood trust provide small grants and support for women on low incomes who are trying to overcome financial difficulties. This includes single women and women in single parent families or multiple adult households. They do not have strict list of items or services they fund, provided the money helps support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial stability and relief of hardship</li> <li>• Employment pathways and loss of income</li> <li>• Housing needs</li> </ul>	<p>As a result of rising demand during Covid-19, the Smallwood Trust are focussing on four priority areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Women with housing related debt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rent or Mortgage arrears</li> <li>- Council Tax arrears</li> <li>- Utility arrears</li> <li>- Unable to afford heating fuel such as oil</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Women living on a reduced income as a direct result of Covid-19 due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Being made redundant</li> <li>- Working hours being reduced</li> <li>- A reduction in self-employed income</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) Women over the age of 50 facing financial difficulties who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have been affected by the raise in the state pension age</li> <li>- Women aged 50 – 65 struggling to find employment</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Women on low incomes who are struggling to make ends meet or trying to overcome financial problems can apply for small grants.</p> <p>Only a contribution towards priority debt can be made and financial support will not be given towards bankruptcy fees, if an applicant is entered into an insolvency agreement or for consumer debt such as credit cards.</p>	<p>Potential applicants must first complete a grant enquiry form before they can make an application for any grants. The form can be completed <a href="#">online</a> or requested by calling 0300 365 1886 (for all new helpline and financial assistance enquiries)</p> <p>You can also e mail the Smallwood Trust at: <a href="mailto:info@smallwoodtrust.org.uk">info@smallwoodtrust.org.uk</a></p>

- Mental health and well-being
  - 4) Women who are or have been affected by domestic violence or abuse.

All applicants must meet the following general criteria:

  - Be aged 18 or over
  - Have the right to reside and be living in the UK
  - Be in receipt of all benefits entitled to
  - Have savings/ capital under £2,000
  - Have combined priority debt (rent, council tax and utility arrears) of less than £3,000
  - Can provide evidence/ documentation of current financial need

### Vicar Relief Emergency Fund

	<b>Who is eligible?</b>	<b>What can you apply for?</b>	<b>How to apply?</b>
As a result of increased demand due to Covid-19, the fund is currently only accepting applications on certain days and might be paused periodically. Please check their website for up to date information.	VRF only accept applications from frontline workers employed by agencies on behalf of beneficiaries.	<p>£150 for Basic Essential Needs: food, hygiene packs, utility bills.</p> <p>£400 for Overcoming Barriers to Support: mobile phone, laptop, tablet, Wi-Fi and data access</p> <p>£1000 for Securing Accommodation: deposit to access and/or secure accommodation, rent areas where there is a risk of eviction.</p> <p>BACS payments made to organisations or landlords, in exceptional cases direct to individual</p> <p>You will need to provide evidence of spend and outcome of the grant: <a href="#">detail here</a></p>	<p>All applications must be submitted by frontline workers employed by agencies.</p> <p>Workers need to register before submitting an application</p> <p>You can register and apply online via: <a href="https://smitf.flexigrant.com/">https://smitf.flexigrant.com/</a></p>

### Zakat Hardship Fund

	<b>Who is eligible?</b>	<b>What can you apply for?</b>	<b>How to apply?</b>
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<p>This fund gives grants for basic costs and help with small debts to vulnerable Muslims in the UK who are unable to pay for basic living costs.</p>	<p>To apply, you must be a Muslim living in the UK and be entitled to receive Zakat. To confirm that you can get help, your monthly income and expenses will be assessed.</p> <p>In order for a beneficiary to receive help, they must have their own e mail address, mobile number and a device able to connect to the internet.</p>	<p>You can apply for help with:</p> <p>1)Basic costs- food, travel clothing and monthly bills</p> <p>2)Small debts- money owed on credit cards, bank loans and gas and electricity</p> <p>The amount provided in a one-off payment depends on family size and amount of debts. The minimum payment is £235 and maximum £1,440.</p>	<p>Individuals can apply directly <a href="#">online</a>.</p> <p>Applicants must supply a number of documents including photo ID, proof of address and bank statements. The full list can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Turn2Us Grants Search</a></u></p>			
<p>The above list of small grant providers is not exhaustive. If someone in financial hardship does not meet the essential criteria for the above grants, the Turn 2 Us Grants Search can be used to search for other sources of support.</p>	<p>The online <a href="#">Grants Search</a> enables individuals to search for sources of support from over 1,500 separate funds.</p> <p>Users can filter results by characteristics such as age, location, employment history and any health conditions they may have.</p>	<p>Search results include more information on specific funders' eligibility criteria and application processes.</p>	<p>Many of the funds can be applied to directly by the individual but some will require a third part referral from organisations listed.</p>



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