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Hardship

Elizabeth Finn Fund

This Charity awards grants to people in financial hardship for things they vitally need.

This could include disability equipment to regain independence; training to secure employment; a new boiler.

A trained volunteer visits the applicant to ensure their needs are fully understood.

A person might be entitled if they: have less than £4000 in savings; receive a low income/benefits; work or have worked in one of the listed professions decided by the Charity (or their partner has); have British nationality.

For more information, call: 0808 802200

Or email: info@elizabethfinn.org.uk

The National Benevolent Institution

This Charity provides financial support to single people and couples who, through no fault of their own, are forced to live in poverty.

They make regular payments to supplement meagre incomes and one off grants to cover life's emergencies, such as a broken fridge or leaking roof, for example.

To qualify, an applicant must: be in receipt of benefits and have previously applied to career benevolent funds/disability funds; have lived in the UK for more than 2 years; if under retirement age, be in receipt of sickness benefits; have little disposable income.

Applications should be supported by a referee such as a health professional, social worker or advice worker.

For more information, call: 01666505500.

An application form can be accessed on:

www.thenbc.org.uk/how-to-apply/benevolence

The Talisman Charitable Trust

This charity assists with the relief of poverty which includes grants for education, health, housing and disability.

A letter needs to be sent to the charity by another charity, local authority or CAB.

For more information, visit:

www.talismancharity.org

Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation

This charity provides grants for individuals suffering from severe poverty or on-going medical conditions. It will also support victims of domestic abuse.

Grants of £100 to £500 are provided towards hospital travel costs, household items, adaptations or disability equipment.

Applications must be made in writing by a recognised professional such a social worker, doctor or CAB representative.

For more information, call: 020 8979 0609

Or email: hakf50@hotmail.com

Fund for Human Need

This charity gives one-off grants to people who are in distress or to those attempting to get over a short-term hurdle/crisis.

In particular the fund makes grants to refugees and asylum seekers, and to those who are homeless or are in danger of becoming homeless.

Applications should be made by letter.

Either the person in need or a referral agency may apply.

For more information, call: 01757 706 040

The Glasspool Trust

This Trust awards grants to help people over a short term crisis. Applications are only accepted through organisations. If eligible, beneficiaries can apply for help with purchasing: white goods; beds/bedding; essential household items; clothing, including school uniforms; baby needs; travel expenses for hospital visits etc. A contribution may be made towards: equipment/adaptations for people with disabilities if recommended by an occupational health therapist; vocational materials, training and driving lessons where there is evidence of an employment offer; computer equipment/television where there is a substantial disability/illness. They will not accept applications if: benefits are still being applied for; an application to the Local Welfare Scheme has not been made; Social Services are involved and statutory assistance has not been applied for.

For more information, call: 020 8520 4354.

The British Gas Energy Trust

This Trust can consider applications for the clearance of domestic electricity/gas debts. Further Assistance payments might also be made for varying reasons. Payments for **white goods** such as cookers, washing machines or refrigerators may be made where a special need for the item can be shown. They will need a letter from an appropriate professional, e.g. health visitor, social worker or advice worker, confirming the need. Proof will need to be sent of an illness/disability. Only one item will be awarded per household. Payment will be considered for a **new boiler** where supporting letters from appropriate professionals confirming the need are provided. Two quotes for the work need to be provided prior to an award of grant and the work commencing. **Bankruptcy deposit payments** may be considered for applicants that have not previously been declared bankrupt. A full list of debts must be provided and advice must have been sought from a professional advice worker. Bankruptcy applications will not be considered from homeowners and those with assets above a value of £1,000 and total debts less than £15,000. Payments towards outstanding **funeral expenses** that are causing hardship may be considered. An application should also be made to the Social Fund for assistance. The relationship with the deceased should be explained and an explanation given as to why the estate of the deceased cannot pay the expenses.

For more information, call: 01733 421060

Family Action welfare grant

This grant programme provides grants for a variety of needs such as beds, cookers, clothing, medical adaptations etc.

To be eligible, applicants must fall into one of these priority areas: adults with a mental health diagnosis; parents with a drug/alcohol problem; families/individuals in the first 6 months of fleeing family home and the first 6 months after moving into a new home; isolated people aged over 60; young people 19-25 living alone; people in need of treatment or disability aids not available on NHS.

All applications must be made online by a statutory agency or voluntary organisation.

For more information, call: 020 7254 6251

Or email: grants.enquiry@family-action.org.uk

Newby Trust

This Trust makes grants of up to £250 to assist individuals in poverty. People that may be eligible include: estranged, orphaned or care leavers under the age of 25 living alone; victims of domestic abuse; single older people; young families or single parents; people who are working; those that have suffered a bereavement; homeless people, individuals suffering from addiction; people suffering from physical/mental ill health. Grants are made to ensure that basic needs are met, and might pay towards a: bed; sofa; table and chairs; cooker; fridge/freezer; washing machine; kitchen equipment; emergency clothing; school uniforms and baby equipment. Occasionally grants are made to assist with: rent deposits; household repairs/adaptations; travel costs; course fees or training equipment; UK respite breaks and mobility equipment. Grants are not given to households with an income of more than £1500 per month. Applications must be made by statutory agencies and voluntary organisations.

For more information, email: info@newby-trust.org.uk

Or visit: www.newby-trust.org.uk/individuals

Sand Rose Project

This Project provides free breaks for families who have experienced a bereavement, to encourage recuperation.

Sand Rose supports all bereaved families - when a baby or child of any age dies, or when a child is faced with bereavement, or when someone loses their partner.

They offer one week breaks in their cottages in west Cornwall.

Short breaks are also available if needed and help with travel costs may be provided by request.

They usually book 3-6 months in advance.

Sand Rose works through a referral process. All requests for a break must be supported - typically by a healthcare professional, teacher, bereavement counsellor or religious leader.

All enquiries and referrals are managed by Child Bereavement UK.

They can be contacted on: 0800 02 888 40

Or email: Sand.Rose@childbereavementuk.org

Homelessness/
Maintenance of a
tenancy

The Vicar's Relief Fund

This Charity allocates grants to people who are in danger of becoming homeless; are currently homeless or those who are attempting to establish/maintain a tenancy.

They give grants to help provide the recipient with necessities most people take for granted. This includes requests for beds; bedding; clothing; domestic appliances and arrears that are not the fault of the client but further action is threatened. There is an upper limit of £250 per application. A referral needs to be made by: social workers; housing support workers; key workers; probation officers; health professionals; chaplains and voluntary organisation staff.

To request an application form, call: 02077661125

Or email: craig.norman@smitf.org

Children & Young People

Help One Child

This Charity provides grants to children and young people aged 17 and under who are from a low income family.

Grants are given to parents who are struggling to provide items such as: disability equipment; computers; travel expenses; counselling therapies; food; books or school uniforms; any other appropriate and related expenses.

The maximum amount applicants can request is £400.

Applications need to be made by parents/guardians of children under 17 years old. Applicants between 14-17 years old can apply independently.

ID and benefit information will be required before a grant is awarded. Applicants who receive DLA or PIP, cannot apply.

To apply, an application form must be completed, which can be found on: www.helponechild.org.uk/need-help

For more information, call: 02035563741

Buttle UK

This Charity's child support programme helps children and young people under 21 in desperate need, in times of illness, disability, abuse or poverty. Eligible applicants include adopted children; children in the care of relatives or friends; estranged, orphaned or vulnerable young people living alone.

Only items/services that are critical will be funded.

The applicant must be experiencing more than one social problem.

Applications must be made by a professional that can assess the needs of the child/young person and can administer a grant.

For more information, call: 02078287311

Or visit: www.buttletrust.org

Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life **Charitable Trust**

This Charity provides grants/equipment to individuals under 18 who are affected by poverty or illness. Priority is given to grants needed for educational purposes, such as school uniform or school trips.

Application forms can be found on:

www.thebrightsideoflife.org.uk

And then must be emailed to:

brightsidecharity@hotmail.com

Invictus Trust – Anchor Fund

This Fund is available to families who are travelling out of county to visit their child, who is being treated in a mental health facility elsewhere.

Up to £500 is awarded per family to contribute towards travel expenses.

An application form can be downloaded from:

www.invictustrust.co.uk/anchor-fund

Trips for
disadvantaged
children

CHICKS

This Charity provides week long respite breaks for disadvantaged children or full time young carers who wouldn't otherwise have a holiday that year.

Eligible applicants might be suffering from poverty; abuse or a bereavement.

A professional person working with a child can refer them for a break.

A child referral form can be found on:

www.chicks.org.uk/refer-a-child

Which when completed, can be sent to:

coordinators@chicks.org.uk

KidsOut

This Charity provides days out to disadvantaged children who are in the most need of some happiness.

The children they help may be disabled; have a life-limiting illness; have special educational needs; escaped domestic violence or come from difficult backgrounds, but whatever their disadvantage, KidsOut is there to help.

The Fun Days offered by KidsOut provide children with a positive experience that they can take forward into their future, giving them happiness and improving their self-esteem and confidence.

For more information, call: 01525 385252

Or email: info@kidsout.org.uk

Holidays for
disadvantaged
families

Mothers' Union – Away From It All

This holiday scheme helps people who are experiencing stress in their family life. Mothers' Union normally helps with part of the cost of a holiday or with travel expenses, but sometimes can pay for the whole trip.

Applicants don't have to be a member of a church or organisation and can apply for themselves or recommend someone else for a holiday. The holidays take many different forms. Some are family weeks where a number of families and a team of volunteers go away together with activities and outings arranged. Other holidays might take place in mobile homes owned by Mothers' Union. Some holidays take the form of day trips.

To apply for a holiday, the applicant must disclose their name, contact details and the number of people who would like to go on the holiday, along with the ages of any children. A local Mothers' Union holiday coordinator then contacts the family and asks them to fill in an application form. People can nominate themselves or their friends but anyone applying for a holiday will be asked to provide details of someone who knows them in a professional capacity, such as a vicar, teacher, social worker.

For their address or phone number, please visit:

www.mothersunion.org/contact-us

The Family Holiday Association

The Family Holiday Association helps struggling families get a break – anything from a few days at the seaside to a simple day out. The families supported are referred to the FHA by professionals in the community who are best placed to identify those who will benefit the most. This referral network includes teachers, social workers, health visitors and other charities.

If a holiday offer is made, the holiday paperwork and future correspondence is sent to the referring agent. Families must be on a low income and must not have been on holiday for the past four years. The holidays provided are generally in UK holiday parks. Breaks include free accommodation and entertainment passes. The FHA may be able to make a contribution towards the family's holiday expenses.

For more information, call: 02031170651

Or visit: www.fhaonline.org.uk

Women

Society for the Assistance of Ladies in **Reduced Circumstances**

This Charity assists women aged below state pensionable age who are living alone in their own home (either owned or rented) and are in genuine need, irrespective of social status. Assistance is usually given in the form of regular allowances if an applicant receiving all possible means-tested state benefits is not eligible for help from any other charity/benevolent fund. This Charity can also signpost to other potential sources of funding.

For more information, call: 0300 3651886

The Worcester Rotary Sawyer Trust

This Charity provides grants to women over the age of 50 in the UK, of any marital status with any living arrangements, who are in need due to financial hardship or poor health.

Grants are made to cover a range of needs such as: funding removal costs; paying telephone bills; buying cookers and fridges and settling outstanding rent.

Applications must be supported by an approved organisation.

For more information, email: info@sawyertrust.org

Or visit: www.sawyertrust.org

Mary Macarthur Holiday Trust

This Trust funds holidays for women over the age of 18 who have not had a holiday in recent years and are affected by poverty, disablement or social/economic circumstances. Preference is given to women who are in, or are normally in, employment. However, those not in employment are considered too.

A sponsoring body, involved with a woman on a professional basis, must support the application. The woman must make enquiries with a local travel agent about a holiday but mustn't enter into a financial commitment until the application is approved. The maximum available is normally £350. Anyone accompanying the woman will not be funded.

For more information, visit: www.mmht.org.uk

Or email: cheryl.andrews@mmht.org.uk

Elderly

AFTAID

Aid For The Aged In Distress

This Charity act swiftly to improve the lives of people aged over 65 who have minimal income and savings. AFTAID provides grants for anything that is required to take away hardship from the older person's daily life. Examples include help with the purchase of: Mobility scooters; cookers; beds; clothing; house repairs; central heating; house cleaning; bath lift.

For more information, call: 0870 8031950

Or visit: www.agedistress.org.uk

NBFA Assisting The Elderly

This Charity provides a programme of free coastal resort respite breaks for people aged over 65 who have a low income (below £197 per week) and haven't had a break for 3+ years. NBFA cover the costs of coach travel; accommodation; meals and an array of workshops, outings and activities.

Applicants must be mentally and physically able to care for themselves and walk short distances. Applicants can apply together as a small group of friends, a couple or with their carer. A supporting statement can also be sent in by an involved professional. After a break, NBFA keeps in touch through their outreach programme.

For more information, call: 020 7828 0200

Or visit: www.nbfa.org.uk/respite-breaks

Friends of the Elderly

This Charity awards one off grants and regular allowances to relieve the stress of people over the age of 60 who have a low income and little savings.

Help is also available to homeless people over the age of 50.

Examples of one-off grants include the purchase of: basic furniture; household appliances; repairs; adaptations and mobility aids.

Regular grants are paid monthly or 6 monthly to meet the applicant's basic cost of living. Their Winter Comforts Fund helps towards the cost of keeping warm in the winter.

Grants are not awarded to those living in residential care.

Applications must be made through a third party referrer such as Age UK; CAB or other welfare agency. This Charity also offers a range of support options including befriending schemes and dementia support.

For more information, call: 02077308263

Or visit: www.fote.org.uk

Barchester's Charitable Foundation

This Charity helps people over the age of 65 and disabled adults over the age of 18 in need of health equipment, adaptations or financial help.

Their grants support practical solutions that lead to increased independence, self sufficiency and dignity.

All applications must be supported by a third party sponsor, such as: a health professional, social worker or charity.

For more information, email: info@bhcfoundation.org.uk

Or visit: www.bhcfoundation.org.uk

Cornwall related

Pirate Trust

This Charity supports individuals in Cornwall. Previous grants awarded include a contribution towards the cost of a bike trailer for a disabled child and safety equipment for an autistic child.

An application form can be downloaded from:

www.piratefm.co.uk

Or for more information, call: 01209 314400