

Financial support from grant-giving charities



There are hundreds of charities that give financial support and offer wellbeing services to people in need of assistance.

A short guide to helping you find support from benevolent and grant-giving charities.

Can a grant-giving charity help?

Grant-giving charities (also called 'benevolent funds') are charities that offer financial support in the form of free, non-repayable grants to individuals, and their families, who need help.

There are hundreds of these benevolent charities across the UK, each there to help different groups. Here are a few examples:

Occupational charities

Virtually any job you can think of will have a charity helping those who have ever worked in that profession. Most also support family members, apprentices and students training in that industry.



Retail workers, supermarket staff, nurses, carers, hospitality and construction staff, and many more all have their own charities.



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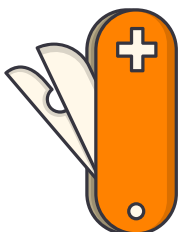
These are charities that help people who live in a certain area of the UK.



Illness and disability charities

These are charities that offer support to people if they have a certain illness or disability (e.g. The MS Society support people that have MS.)

Armed forces charities



These are charities supporting veterans and current/former members of the armed forces and their families.



Charities for vulnerable individuals

These are charities there to support people that fall into a certain group in society, such as vulnerable women, children, older people, domestic violence victims and homeless people.



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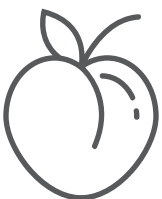
Charities that can award grants to individuals that do not fall into one of the above groups.

For a full list of our member charities that provide support [Click Here](#).

When can a grant-giving charity help me?

Charities can award grants to people in a huge range of circumstances. Applications for support are usually judged on a case-by-case basis, taking your unique circumstances into account.

Below are some of the most common reasons why someone may be given financial support:



Daily essentials: Money to help pay for food, clothes, bills and other daily expenses.



Home essentials: A grant to help pay for new or replacement white goods or furniture, and home repairs.



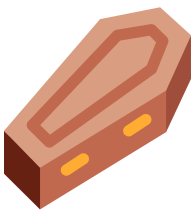
Disability equipment and home adaptations: Adaptions to the home and help with equipment and extra costs related to having an illness/disability.



Childcare costs: Including helping with purchasing school uniforms, study equipment and more.



Respite breaks: Including breaks for carers and families with disabled children.



Funeral costs: Charities can help pay towards the costs relating to the death of a family member.



Bankruptcy and insolvency fees - Some charities will help cover the costs of declaring bankruptcy/insolvency.

Help does not stop at grants

Many benevolent charities also offer a range of other services to help you get back on your feet. These include:

Advice services: Including advice on debts, benefits, careers, legal advice, relationships and more.

Wellbeing and mental health services: Including counselling services, peer-to-peer support groups, befriending services and helplines.

How do I find support?

The Turn2us Grants Search is a one-stop-shop of over 1,500 charitable grants.

You can search by age, location, profession, medical condition and other criteria.



Use it today to find out what you might be eligible for: grants-search.turn2us.org.uk

Or contact the helpline for a free and confidential chat with the Turn2us team: [0808 802 2000](tel:08088022000).

8am-6.30pm Mondays-Fridays and on Saturday between 9 am and 1 pm. All calls are free from a UK landline and from most mobiles. If you are calling from a mobile, please check with your network provider.

How do I apply for support?

Once you have found a charity where you may be eligible for support, you will need to fill out an application with that charity. Details on how to apply can be found on each charity's website or by calling the charity.

Each charity will have their own application process and eligibility criteria. However, most charities will require you to fill out a short application form and provide some evidence that you are in need of their support and can meet their eligibility criteria (for example, this could involve proving you have had a certain job if applying to an occupational charity).

Evidence may include things such as copies of your recent bank statements, pay slips, proof of benefit entitlement etc. Each charity will have their own evidence they will ask for and can help guide you on what you will need to provide.



If ever you are worried about a charity's application process, giving one of their friendly team a call or an email will often help reassure you as they can support and guide you on their application process.

Find out more

Visit: www.aco.uk.net/page/Home-Here-To-Help-Campaign

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