

Alternative Sources of Assistance with Goods

This leaflet contains information regarding other organisations that may be able to help you if you are in need of assistance with goods, but you are not eligible under the Welfare Grant Scheme.

Alternative grant schemes

Bristol Charities

Bristol Charities help people in need, hardship or distress, or people suffering from ill health, who are convalescent or have a disability. If you live within 10 miles of Bristol City Centre then you may be eligible to apply for funding for goods including white goods (washing machines, fridges/freezers, electric cookers), small electrical equipment (vacuums and microwaves), flooring, furniture and other support.

Applications need to be made online by a sponsor who is usually a professional such as a social worker, support worker, housing officer, health professional or similar support agency.

<https://www.bristolcharities.org.uk/grants>

St. Monica's Trust

If you have a physical disability, long-term physical health problem or mental health problem, live in Bristol, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset or Bath and North East Somerset, have a low income and limited or no savings and are over 50 years of age, then you may be eligible for either a short-term grant of monthly financial support, or a gift of an amount of money from St. Monica's Trust. Gifts are intended to help with items such as disability related items or adaptations, domestic applications (for example washing machines or cookers) and furniture and flooring.

You can download an application form at:

<https://stmonicatrust.force.com/SMTIndividualEligibility> or alternatively you can contact them by telephone on 01179494003.

Anchor Society

The Anchor Society provides emergency one-off grants to older people who are in genuine immediate need and living within the greater Bristol area. Typical requests they would consider for grants are: home repairs and adaptations; mobility aids; boiler/heating system repairs or maintenance; carpets and flooring; essential household items. Applicants must be over 55 years of age.

You would need to apply through an agency, for example via a Support Worker.

[Grants - The Anchor Society](#)

Glasspool Trust

This charity makes small grants to people in need, to help them over a short-term crisis. The type of items awarded may include items such as: white goods (such as a cooker, washing machine or fridge/freezer); beds and bedding; essential household items; clothing and baby needs; etc. They may be able to consider applications for flooring where there is a disability issue, children aged under 4 residing in the household, or the current flooring presents a trip hazard.

Please note that applications to this charity must be made by an organisation such as a charity or the Citizens Advice Bureau or other charitable organisation that is supporting you.

<http://www.glasspool.org.uk/>

The Talisman Trust

The fund assists individuals in the UK who the trust consider as “going short”. Please note that applications must be made by the Citizens Advice Bureau, a social worker or another charitable organisation that is supporting you.

<http://www.talismancharity.org/>

The National Benevolent Charity

The National Benevolent Charity makes one-off payments to single people, couples and to families who are experiencing financial hardship, for necessities such as white goods, furniture, flooring, clothing etc. Please note however that processing applications can take some time and the Charity cannot help with emergency funding.

In order to qualify for financial help from The National Benevolent Charity a person must:

- be in receipt of all available state benefits (except where you are waiting for benefit to be awarded or are appealing against a benefit related decision) and have applied to other trade related funds (if applicable);
- be over 18 years of age and have been resident in the United Kingdom for not less than 12 months;

All income is taken into consideration including PIP and attendance allowance, applications should be supported by one or more referees, for example; Citizens Advice Bureau advisor, Housing Officer, Charity Worker, Money Advisor, doctor, or other professional person.

Applications can be made online using their online form. <http://natben.org.uk>



Friends of the Elderly - Grants for Older People (England & Wales)

Friends of the elderly provide support for older people affected by loneliness and grants for those living on a low income. Through the Grants for Older People programme they provide grants of up to £400 to older people who are of/over state

pension age and have savings of less than £4,000. Funding is currently being provided through four schemes: Home Essentials to help with the cost of replacing everyday items, small home repairs and mobility adaptations; Digital Connection to help older people get online; Financial Support to help with unexpected bills; and Essential Living Costs including clothing, food, medicines and books. Applications must be made via a third-party Referral Agent such as charities, local authority and social services representatives. Applications can be submitted at any time.

<https://www.fote.org.uk/our-charity-work/grants-2/>

E-On Next Energy Fund (UK)

The aim of the E.ON Next Energy Fund is to help E.ON Next customers who are experiencing financial hardship and struggling. You can apply for a replacement appliance such as a cooker, fridge, fridge-freezer or washing machine if yours has broken or is in poor condition.

Applications are open to individual customers of e-on and an application can be submitted at any time.

- [E.ON Next Energy Fund \(eonnnextenergyfund.com\)](http://E.ON Next Energy Fund (eonnnextenergyfund.com))

EDF Customer Support Fund (UK)

The EDF Customer Support Fund awards grants to vulnerable customer households. It aims to provide customers with a fresh start and financial stability. It can help households stay out of fuel debt and better able to afford ongoing energy costs. The Fund also offers grants to buy essential energy efficient white goods such as cookers, refrigerators, or washing machines.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<https://www.edfenergy.com/for-home/help-centre/faq/extra-support-when-you-need-it?steps=23147#chapter-23146-3>

Further Grant Search

Turn 2 Us

To find further information about other funds that are available to you in your area you may wish to carry out a grants search. This can be completed on the Turn2Us website:

<https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/>

Affordable Sources for Purchasing Items

Salvation Army Shop Filton (31-39 Gloucester Road North)

This shop sells items including furniture, household items, clothing, books and toys. Opening times are 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Saturday. Delivery of items bought is offered.

The Revive Shop at Thornbury Sort It Recycling Centre (Short Way, BS35 3UT)

This shop sells reusable items that have been brought to the Sort It Centre, such as furniture, bikes, large and small items of furniture, crockery etc. Normal opening times 9.00am to 12.30pm; 1.00pm to 4.00pm, Monday to Sunday.

Sofa Project

The Sofa Project sells second-hand furniture, refurbished appliances and homeware. They also stock a wide range of leftover paint at low prices. It is located at 48-54 West Street, Old Market, Bristol BS2 0BL and the telephone number is [07866 730963](tel:07866730963). Opening times are 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday; closed for lunch 1pm to 2pm.

Help with Baby Items

Baby Bank Network

This is a charity that can take referrals through agencies and organisations that are in contact with vulnerable families to make sure that they are provided with items to ensure their babies' basic needs are met. They may sometimes be able to help with items such as cots and prams: [Baby Bank Network](#)

Sure Start Maternity Grant

This is a one-off payment of £500 to help towards the costs of having a child.

You usually qualify for the grant if both of the following apply:

- you're expecting your first child or you're expecting a multiple birth (such as twins) and have children already; and
- you or your partner already get certain benefits.

You must claim the grant within 11 weeks of the baby's due date or within 6 months after the baby's birth. You do not have to pay the grant back and it will not affect your other benefits or tax credits. For more information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/sure-start-maternity-grant>.