

GUIDE TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM BENEVOLENT CHARITIES

The Association of Charitable Organisations (ACO)



HOW CAN A BENEVOLENT CHARITY HELP YOU?

There are hundreds of benevolent charities across the UK offering financial support to individuals and families.

Many are occupational charities - supporting past & present employees of certain jobs and their families.

There are also charities to assist people living in a certain region of the UK, who have certain health conditions and more.

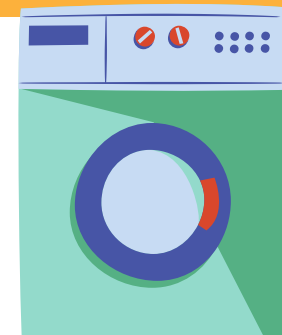
Members of the armed forces, veterans, and groups such as women, children, and older people all also have charities that can help with financial assistance.

WHAT CAN I BE GIVEN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR?

Charities can give support in a huge range of circumstances, but below are some common things charities can help pay for:

- Daily living costs, such as food shopping.
- Utility bills
- Home repairs
- White goods and furniture
- Disability equipment
- Childcare and school costs
- Funeral costs
- Bankruptcy and insolvency fees

Many charities can also help pay for mental health support and counselling, and can offer advice services.



HOW CAN I FIND A CHARITY TO GIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

Visit the Turn2us Grants Search:
grants-search.turn2us.org.uk

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 to find financial support you may be eligible to apply for.

You can also contact Turn2us' free and confidential helpline for help finding support:
0808 802 2000

HOW DO I APPLY FOR SUPPORT ONCE I HAVE FOUND A CHARITY?

The charity will usually ask you to fill out a short application form to access support.

The charity will also usually ask you to provide them with a few pieces of evidence to show you are eligible for their support - such as bank statements.

Each charity may have a slightly different application process and require different evidence. More details can be found on the charity's website and the charity will guide you on how to apply.

If you are ever unsure about a charity's application process for support - give one of their friendly team a call and they can help you with the process.

FIND OUT MORE

Visit www.aco.uk.net/SqueezeSupport

For more information about how benevolent charities can help during the cost of living squeeze

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