

RELIEF IN NEED / SICKNESS GRANT



GDNC – Criteria for grant.

1(a) The relief of persons in need resident in the area of benefit (Gloucester & adjoining parishes) who are sick, convalescent, disabled or infirm by relieving their suffering or assisting their recovery.

(b) The relief of nurses who are in need and are resident in the area of benefit and;

(c) The relief of any retired nurses who are in need and who were formerly employed by the Gloucester District Nursing Society.

2. In each financial year, the trustees must allocate a sum of £1000 for use for objects b and c in sub-clause 1 above. If and in so far as the sum is not required for those objects it may be applied for object (a) in the following financial year.

3. The trustees may relieve those eligible for assistance under sub-clause 1(a) above by:

a) making grants of money to them; or

b) providing or paying for goods, services or facilities for them; or

c) making grants of money to other persons or bodies who provide goods, services or facilities to those eligible for assistance.

4. In exceptional cases the trustees may decide to assist someone (who must otherwise be qualified) who is: a) resident outside the area of benefit; or b) only temporarily resident in the area of benefit.

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Expenses of management.

The Trustees shall first defray out of the income of the Relief in Need Branch all the proper costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the administration and management of that branch.

Application of income.

(1) Subject to payment of the expenses aforesaid the Trustees shall apply the income of the Relief in Need Branch in relieving either generally or individually persons resident in the County of Gloucestershire (the area of benefit) who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons.

(2) The Trustees may pay for such items, services or facilities by way of donations or subscriptions to institutions or organisations which provide or which undertake in return to provide such items, services or facilities for such persons.

(3) In exceptional cases the Trustees may grant relief to persons otherwise eligible therefore who are resident immediately outside the area of benefit but in the opinion of the Trustees ought nevertheless for sufficient reason to be treated as if resident therein or who are located for the time being within the area of benefit.

Restrictions.

In applying the income of the Relief in Need Branch the Trustees shall observe the following restrictions:

(1) They shall not apply any part of the income directly in relief of rates, taxes or other public funds but may apply income in supplementing relief or assistance provided out of public funds.

Information for applications

Who can apply?

Applications are invited from case, support, and social workers, or other professionals working in related fields with clients who are experiencing extreme hardship and are in extreme social and financial need. It is likely that they have been unable to obtain funding from other sources. Please note we are unable to accept applications which are not supported by a relevant professional working with the applicant.

Only one application can be made for each family unit / household in a 12-month period. It is not permissible for different household members to apply separately.

Please read the guidelines carefully to make sure that your client is eligible.

What type of funding can you apply for?

- Essential domestic equipment and appliances – this may include but is not limited to a cooker, fridge freezer or a washing machine
- Household equipment and appliances – this may include but is not limited to microwave, pans, kettle iron
- Children's equipment – this may include but is not limited to cots, pushchair, bedding
- Furniture – this may include, but is not limited to single bed, bunk beds, bedding, storage, sofa
- School uniforms and other critical clothing items
- Decorating materials
- Furnishings such as floor coverings or carpets will only be considered in exceptional circumstances (evidence will need to be provided that this is an essential item i.e., there are pre-school children in the home or children with physical disabilities).

Applicants are encouraged to consider how they could source the required items from organisations offering low cost new or second-hand goods. We would strongly recommend purchases through the Furniture Recycling Project and British Heart Foundation.

We have also secured excellent discounts with our preferred supplier of white goods.

The grant cannot generally fund:

- Items that have already been purchased
- Payment of bills (e.g. heating, council tax etc.)
- Payment of debts or arrears

Size of grant

Grants are typically between £100-£300 but every application will be considered on an individual basis. Funds are limited and the Trust is committed to supporting as many applications as possible.

About your client

In the application you will need to tell us about your applicant's current situation at home and financially, and where you have applied previously for any grant funding and the outcome.

You need to tell us why we should award a grant

We will ask questions about the household and financial circumstances and how you feel this funding would enable your client to do things they can't do now or to improve their quality of life etc.

What will happen next?

Your application will be reviewed and checked to ensure it has been completed in full and meets the eligibility criteria. If it is incomplete or appears to be inaccurate (e.g. if the financial information does not appear reasonable) the form will be returned to you with a request to review it again and resubmit.

If your form passes our checks and eligibility criteria it will be presented to the Trustees with your covering letter. Once approved, you will receive a confirmation email advising how the grant will be made.

Need more help?

Please contact GCT if you need help with your application or have any queries.

Gloucester Charities Trust

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Other grant giving organisations who may be able to help include:

The Barnwood Trust – 01452 611292

The Fluck Convalescent Fund – 01452 411601