

INDIVIDUALS – HARDSHIP GRANTS– FUNDING SOURCES

If you are in any doubt or would like some direction please contact the Funding & Monitoring Team, Fife Council on 01592 583498. For additional funding sources please try the National Funding Portal at www.fifedirect.org.uk/grantsandfunding.

CONTACT DETAILS	GRANT AMOUNT	SUMMARY	WHAT IS ELIGIBLE
<p>TURN2US</p> <p>To start this search please use: Turn2Us</p> <p>www.turn2us.org.uk</p>		<p>They offer support in the following ways for individuals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Benefits Calculator & Tax Credit – A benefits calculator checker 2. Grants Searcher – These are grant giving charities – Individuals on low income can apply for a grant if they meet certain criteria (e.g. age, gender, current or past jobs, health conditions, dependent children etc) 3. Coronavirus Help There are two grant funds here to help for individuals – however both are currently suspended because of the high demand. 	
<p>FAMILY FUND</p> <p>To start this search please use: Family Fund</p> <p>www.familyfund.org.uk</p>		<p>Their purpose is to improve the lives of low-income families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people by helping to provide items and services that they could not otherwise afford or access.</p>	<p>Items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • computers, • tablets, • kitchen appliances, • family breaks.
<p>ONE FAMILY FOUNDATION</p>	<p>£500</p>	<p>The OneFamily Foundation is a way for their customers, their families and their communities to get help with the things that really matter to them through accessing</p>	<p>Items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home modification/repairs

<p>To start this search please use: One Family Foundation - Personal Grants</p>		<p>funding via Personal, Young Person's Education and Community Grants.</p> <p>NEW Temporary Hardship grant due to COVID 19 also available – click here for more information. There is up to £250 to help with essential costs such as rent, bills, food or home-schooling equipment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability/Mobility aids e.g. mobility scooter • Essential furniture e.g. beds, fridge freezer • Specialist software to help those with learning difficulties
<p>CHALLENGER CHILDRENS FUND</p> <p>To start this search please use: Challenger Children's Fund.</p>	<p>Up to £500</p>	<p>Applications for grants up to £500 are accepted when made by a sponsor on behalf of physically disabled children who are resident in Scotland</p> <p>Due to COVID 19 the Fund will only consider applications for items which would be of specific and direct benefit to the child for whom the application is being made. They will NOT consider applications for holidays, domestic items or therapies during this time</p>	<p>Items such as: maintenance, clothing, education, outfit in life or otherwise for the general benefit and well-being” of any disabled person under the age of 18.</p>
<p>SCOTTISH WELFARE FUND</p> <p>To start this search please use: Scottish Welfare Fund - Crisis Grant</p>		<p>The Scottish Welfare Fund helps families and people in Scotland who are on low incomes through Crisis Grants and Community Care Grants.</p>	<p>Some things this may include are help with the costs of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • food • heating costs
<p>SHELTER SCOTLAND</p>		<p>In an emergency, you can apply for a crisis grant to cover the cost of essential items that you can't afford on your regular income.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • food or clothing • costs, that are not covered by other Local Authority obligations relating to

<p>To start this search please use: Shelter Scotland - Crisis Grant</p>			<p>homelessness, for accommodation in a hostel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • getting your gas or electricity reconnected • minor repairs and improvements • living expenses for a short period of time (for example, while you are waiting for your first benefit payment) • emergency travel expenses.
<p>BEST START GRANT AND BEST START FOODS</p> <p>To start this search please use: Best Start Scheme</p>		<p>the Best Start Grant is a package of three new Scottish benefits to help parents and carers on low incomes with the costs of having a child in the family. It replaces the Sure Start Maternity Grant for people living in Scotland.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy & Baby Payment • Early Learning Payment • School Age Payment <p>The Best Start Food Card - Best Start Foods is a prepaid card that you can use to buy healthy foods for children under 3. You can use the card in shops and online.</p>
<p>REUSE NETWORK</p> <p>To start this search please use: Reuse Network</p>		<p>Reuse centres stock high-quality, affordable household items to support vulnerable people in need</p>	<p>Household items including furniture, electrical appliances, IT equipment and more.</p>
<p>FIFE COUNCIL –</p> <p>Help towards School Uniforms and Free School Meals</p>		<p>Provides free school meals and a school clothing grant of £100.00 per child if you are on a low income.</p>	

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<p>SCOTTISH POWER HARDSHIP FUND</p> <p>To start this search please use: Scottish Power Hardship Fund</p>		<p>A fund to help ScottishPower customers who are struggling to pay their ScottishPower debt due to low household income, for example, customers on Income Support, Job Seekers, Pension Credit, Employment Support Allowance or Disability Living Allowance.</p> <p>Social Enterprise Direct administer the Hardship Fund and will review applications and decide if you are eligible for an award.</p> <p>.</p>	
<p>FAMILY ACTION WELFARE FUND</p> <p>To start this search please use: Family Action Welfare Fund</p>	<p>£200 to a maximum of £300 in most cases. Grants of up to £500 can be made under the Disability / Sickness priority area</p>	<p>All applications must be made, on-line, by a suitable referring agency. Suitable referring agencies include: statutory agencies or charities that provide health or social care; housing associations; probation services and GP's</p>	
<p>PRINCES TRUST</p> <p>To start this search please use: The Princes Trust</p>		<p>During this challenging time The Princes Trust will be delivering one to one support, advice and guidance for young people to help them continue to develop their confidence and upskill.</p>	
<p>ABERLOUR</p> <p>To start this search please use: Aberlour Assistance Fund</p>	<p>between £150 and £200</p>	<p>The Aberlour Urgent Assistance Fund awards cash grants to assist children and young people (aged 21 and under) across Scotland, and their families, who are suffering extreme hardship.</p>	<p>Grants to assist with a range of needs, such as food, prepay power cards, clothing, bedding or other essentials.</p>

		Applications must be endorsed and submitted by a sponsor, acting in their professional capacity. Examples of eligible sponsors include social workers, health care professionals, teachers, clergy and third sector organisations. Applications from individuals cannot be accepted.	
GINGERBREAD To start this search please use: Gingerbread		Provides information to help single parents support themselves and their family. They run programmes to equip single parents with the skills and opportunities to gain employment and offer financial advice	
CHEST HEART AND STROKE SCOTLAND To start this search please use: Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland		They are running a campaign to help vulnerable people who are self-isolating and want to reduce isolation and loneliness. If anyone would like support they can call 0808 801 0899 or fill in an online form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendly 'kindness' calls to check in on you regularly • dog-walking • shopping • medication deliveries <p>Volunteers are here to make sure people can stay safe and well in their own home.</p>
COVID19 Relief from Pink Saltire		Pink Saltire will be providing a range of immediate and medium-term solutions to support LGBT+ people (and others) if they face financial or other hardship during this pandemic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food vouchers for major supermarkets • Mobile top-ups for all networks

<p>To start this search please use: COVID Relief Pink Saltire</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Packs for LGBT+ people (with an option for those with younger children) • Mobile broadband dongles with data top-ups • Digital kit (HP Chromebooks) on a 12-month loan-then-return basis • Digital First Aiders to support those in digital poverty to get online (until July 2020)
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<p>SOCIAL SECURITY SCOTLAND www.mygov.scot/benefits or Freephone 0800 182 2222</p> <p>Carers Allowance Supplement https://www.mygov.scot/carers-allowance-supplement/</p> <p>Best Start Grant - Pregnancy and New Baby Payment</p>	<p>£230.10</p> <p>£600 for first child, £300 for subsequent children</p>	<p>Social Security Scotland currently delivers seven benefits for carers and people on low incomes.</p> <p>Extra payment for people in Scotland who get Carer’s Allowance on a particular date. If you received Carers Allowance on 13 April 2020 you’ll automatically receive £230.10 in June.</p>	<p>More details on eligibility including the relaxation of certain criteria due to COVID-19 impacts, are available at www.mygov.scot</p>
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<p>- Early Learning Payment</p> <p>Best Start Foods</p> <p>https://www.mygov.scot/benefits/best-start/</p> <p>Young Carer Grant https://www.mygov.scot/benefits/young-carer/</p> <p>Funeral Support Payment https://www.mygov.scot/funeral-support-payment/</p>	<p>£250 per child; from 2nd birthday until 3 yrs 6 mths</p> <p>From pregnancy or any time up to your child turning 3 years old.</p> <p>£305.10 per year</p> <p>Payment towards funeral costs.</p>	<p>You can get Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if your child is the right age for a payment • whether you're in work or not, as long as you're on certain payments or benefits • as long as you're the parent of a child, or the main person looking after the child <p>(Applications for Best Start Grant school payment, a £250 grant for children aged between 4 & 5, will open on 1st June 2020. Families are able to receive this payment in addition to school clothing grant.)</p> <p>The Young Carer Grant is a yearly payment for young people aged 16-18 with caring responsibilities of 16 hours and over per week.</p> <p>Funeral Support Payment is a payment for people receiving certain benefits or tax credits, to help towards the costs of a</p>	
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