



# Westminster hardship grants

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## COSARAF Foundation Hardship Fund

Offers grants of up to £2,000 to UK-based organisations supporting families and individuals in financial need.

Grants can help cover:

- Household items, such as white goods, and occasionally furniture such as sofas or wardrobes.
- Basic living expenses, such as utilities and food.
- Work or education-related expenses.
- Rent or Council tax arrears where there is a clear risk of homelessness.
- Immigration-related costs, where a person's current immigration status is causing financial hardship.

Most grants are around £500. **Applications can be submitted at any time.** Applications are reviewed every six weeks, with responses within eight weeks. Only recognised third-party organisations (e.g., charities, housing associations) can apply. Organisations **can apply once per year** and the applicant must demonstrate that they are taking advantage of all support offered by local services, including the referring organisation.

[Guidance notes](#) and an [online application form](#) are available.

For further information please contact [info@cosaraf.org](mailto:info@cosaraf.org)

## Glasspool Charity Trust

Provides grants through its **Flexible Frontline Fund**. Grants are only available via partner organisations and the **recruitment process for new partners is closed until 2027**.

Individuals must be referred by these partner organisations, which provide comprehensive support to those in need. The funding helps cover essential items such as household goods and services, with the goal of alleviating financial distress and improving wellbeing.

For more details, visit [Glasspool Charity Trust](#)



## Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation

Provides grants for individuals suffering from severe poverty or on-going medical conditions. Grants are provided towards hospital travel costs, household items, adaptations or disability equipment. They will not fund holidays, education, setting up business, medical research, debt relief, emergency grants, laptops, TV, radio or mobile phones.

The charity does not accept self-referrals. All communication and general enquiries is strictly limited only to those in a professional capacity.

Please contact the office via email to find out about eligibility criteria and details on how to apply: [hakf50@hotmail.com](mailto:hakf50@hotmail.com)

## Hyde Park Place Estate Charity

Provides grants of up to £250 to **Westminster residents in need**, particularly those facing hardship due to disability, financial challenges, or unemployment.

These grants can assist with urgent needs like household items or emergency expenses. Applications must be submitted by a recognised third party such as social workers, housing officers, or charity organisations. Self-referrals are not accepted.

Professionals can apply by writing a letter to the Clerk to the Trustees, including details of the individual and why they need the support. Applications are considered four times a year.

### **Contact details**

Hyde Park Place Estate Charity  
The Vestry, 2A Mill Street  
London  
W1S 1FX

For further details, visit the site: [Westminster Council Family Information Service](#).

## ScotsCare

ScotsCare offers various grants to help first and second generation Scottish people and their widows, who are in need, and live within a 35 mile radius of Charing Cross in London, and who are non-home owners.

Grants may be given for household items such as white goods, children's clothing or family respite holidays.

To be eligible you must be:

- a person born in Scotland, or;
- the child of a person born in Scotland, or;
- Someone married to a 1st generation Scot, or;
- the widow of a person born in Scotland.



- Living within 35 miles of Charing Cross, London
- A non homeowner

For more information email [dutyworker@scotscare.com](mailto:dutyworker@scotscare.com). You will need to supply copies of the birth/wedding certificates and/or passport.

## Strand Parishes Trust

Provides one-off grants to disadvantaged residents of Westminster, usually around £250.

These grants are to help individuals facing hardship due to physical or mental disability, unemployment, or financial difficulties. Sponsors are encouraged to ensure that the [application form](#) is completed in full and provide as much information as possible (via an accompanying letter, where necessary). This will ensure that the application can be progressed swiftly.

They also support educational advancement for young people in the area. are under 25 years of age seeking advancement in life through education or training and can demonstrate the need for financial assistance, or that they are under financial constraints. Application form [here](#). Further information [here](#).

## The Westminster Amalgamated Charity

The Westminster Amalgamated Charity gives grants to individuals who currently live, work or study in the London Borough of Westminster or if they have previously lived or worked in this borough for five years or more. Individuals must also be:

- On a low income **or** in receipt of benefits
- On a low income **or** in receipt of benefits and have a disability
- Homeless and living in a hostel

The charity can give grants for:

- Clothing
- Essential household items such as furniture, white goods and kitchen equipment
- Holidays in the UK for individuals aged 60 or over
- Decorating, carpeting or flooring

A recognised agency such as Social Services, Citizens Advice, Housing Association, Hostel or any registered charity working in Westminster should apply on their behalf. An individual should not apply directly. The agency can apply using the online form, under Grants for Individuals, on [The Westminster Amalgamated Charity website](#)

Individuals need to have made an application to Westminster City Council's Local Support Payments Scheme **before** a professional applies on their behalf.