

# CRIPPLEGATE FOUNDATION GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS

## NOTES TO APPLICANTS

**Before completing the application form, please read these notes which explain who we can help and how we decide on applications.**

We will visit everybody who applies for a grant to discuss their application personally and to provide a welfare benefits check. We want to make sure that everybody who applies for a grant gets all the benefits and services to which they are entitled.

We deal with all applications in strict confidence and we treat everybody who applies fairly and equally.

You must live within our area of south Islington to get a grant. This is outlined in red on the map overleaf. You must have lived in this area for at least one year continuously to qualify for a grant unless you are an asylum seeker or a person who was previously homeless. In this case you can apply as soon as you move into our area.

You should have an income that is not significantly higher than social security levels. We also usually give priority to people who are also facing other problems: for instance illness or disability , debt , family break-up or similar difficulties.

We can offer grants up to £500 for a variety of needs such as essential household items, basic electrical goods like cookers and fridges, aids and adaptations for disabilities, and start-up packages for newly housed homeless people etc.

When you apply for a grant you should attach a written quotation for the items you are asking for. We cannot normally consider your application without this information.

We will usually make cheques payable to suppliers only. Personal cheques are not usually issued.

We usually expect people getting Income Support or Pension Credit to make a claim for a Community Care Grant (not a loan) from the Social Fund before coming to us for help.

We will not usually consider an application from someone who received a grant from us in the last 2 years unless their circumstances are exceptional. Similarly people who are refused a grant will have to wait 12 months until they can make another application.

### **We cannot help with the following:**

- Debts – for instance council tax, rent, water rates, fuel bills or consumer credit debt
- Money that has been stolen
- Items already purchased or ordered.
- Grants for educational purposes
- Wheelchairs or disability vehicles
- The purchase of computers.
- Rent of privately owned caravans
- Child care costs

### **Grants are given at the discretion of the Chairman of the Foundation**

Please return the completed application form to:

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Application forms and other information can also be downloaded at [www.cripplegate.org](http://www.cripplegate.org)