

# *Cripplegate Foundation* Helping since 1500

## **GRANTS TO RESIDENTS GUIDANCE NOTES**

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

We 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 also welcome applications made through third parties such as social workers, health workers or advice workers. We deal with all applications in strict confidence and we treat everybody who applies fairly and equally.

You must live in Islington or the Cripplegate ward of the City of London to get a grant. 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 the area.

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

We can offer grants of up to £500 for a variety of one-off 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.

You should attach a written quotation for the items you are asking for. There is no need to provide quotations for white goods as we can provide them directly from a local supplier.

**We will only make payments to suppliers or referral agencies.**

People moving into unfurnished accommodation must also apply to the Social Fund for a Community Care Grant (not a loan).

We will not consider an application from someone who received a grant from us in the last 3 years unless their circumstances are exceptional. Similarly people who are refused a grant will have to wait 12 months before 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.
- The purchase of computers.
- Rent of privately owned caravans
- Child care costs
- Grants for educational purposes

**Grants are given at the discretion of the Chair of the Foundation**

**Applications can be made online at [www.cripplegate.org](http://www.cripplegate.org)**

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