

# Richard Cloudesley's Charity

## WELFARE FUND GUIDANCE NOTES

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

We can only offer grants to those affected by illness or disability and who are also living on benefits or a low income. You must live in the Ancient Parish of Islington in order to receive a grant. This is roughly the present London Borough of Islington but excluding any area south of Chapel Market and City Road. It is outlined on the map overleaf.

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

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

We will visit individuals who apply on their own behalf to discuss their application personally. We will also provide applicants with a welfare benefits check and referrals to local services that may help them improve their circumstances.

We can offer grants up to £500 for a variety of needs such as essential household items, basic white goods such as cookers and fridges, aids and adaptations for disabilities and start-up packages for newly housed homeless people, etc. We usually only offer grants for one-off needs and do not make grants for recurrent needs such as living expenses.

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.**

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 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.
- The purchase of computers.
- Grants for educational purposes
- Child care costs
- Funeral costs

**Grants are given at the discretion of the Chairman of Richard Cloudesley's Charity**

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

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