



Information for Applicants: Alternative Sources of Funding and Support

Benefits Advice

To ensure that individuals are in receipt of the correct benefits, please see Hounslow Council's benefits section on its website.

<https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20058/benefits>

Discretionary Local Crisis Payments

Administered by Hounslow Council, these payments are to ease exceptional pressures on households.

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20058/benefits/1493/discretionary_local_crisis_payments

Budgeting Loans

Interest free loans from central Government to help pay for essential things like rent, clothing or furniture. <https://www.gov.uk/budgeting-help-benefits>

The Buttle Trust

Provides grants to some of the most vulnerable children in the UK. The Small Grants Programme provides essential items to children and young people whose health, safety and well-being are at risk. The School Fees Programme transforms the lives of vulnerable children (aged 11 and over) by funding places at schools with a safe and supportive environment. <https://buttleuk.org/> 020 7828 7311

Charis Grants

Charis manages a range of services to support vulnerable members of society, including grant awards for utility debts and other essential household bills and costs. Current domestic customers of the following companies can apply for financial help: British Gas, EDF Energy and

NPower. <https://www.charisgrants.com/> 01733 421 021

Family Action

Works with children and families providing practical, emotional and financial support through over 100 services based in communities across England. Also provides educational grants and an information service. Works to tackle some of the most complex and difficult issues facing families today – including domestic abuse, mental health problems, learning disabilities and severe financial hardship. <https://www.family-action.org.uk/> 020 7254 6251

Family Fund

Family Fund believes that families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people should have the same choices, quality of life, opportunities and aspirations as wider families. They try to make this happen every day by giving grants to families on a low income for items they may not otherwise be able to afford, for example, family breaks, digital equipment, white goods, clothing, bedding, furniture and play equipment. <https://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants/>

Linking Help with Hope

LHH help those who are living on a very low income, receiving the appropriate welfare benefits and who have exhausted all other funding sources including statutory funding, occupational, local and specialist charities. To be eligible, applicants must present with a physical or diagnosed mental health condition, learning disability, or be a carer for an adult or child with a disability.

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants/>

Turn2us

A charitable service which helps people access welfare benefits, grants and other help. A free, accessible website helps individuals find appropriate sources of financial support. It allows people to search for grants and services from a database of hundreds of grant-giving charities, check income-related benefits to ensure that they are receiving all the welfare benefits they are entitled to and browse on a broad range of money matters to help people manage their finances <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

Age UK Hounslow

Provides advice and information on a wide range of issues relating to older people including housing, finance, applying for benefits and accessing local and national health and support services. Can also give short-term support to help older people and their carers with difficulties. <https://directory.ageuk.org.uk/local-service/age-uk-hounslow/> 020 8560 6969

Hounslow Citizens Advice Bureau

Provides information, advice and support on a range of areas such as immigration, housing, employment and consumer law. <https://hounslowcabs.org.uk/>

St Martin in the Fields Vicar's Relief Fund

Makes small, individual grants to people in need all over the country. The priority is to support people who are in danger of becoming homeless, who are currently homeless, destitute and/or vulnerable. <https://www.smitfc.org/the-vrf/> 020 7766 1125

Central London Law Centre

Provides a free legal advice service (focusing on employment, housing debt and immigration) to people who are resident or who work in Greater London. Also provides Debt and Welfare Benefits advice, casework and advocacy service. <https://www.onewestminster.org.uk/directory/10648> 020 7839 2998

Step Change Debt Charity

Offers free help and advice with money problems, including an online counselling service.

<https://www.stepchange.org/> 0800 138 1111

Mary Ward Legal Centre

Provides free legal advice, casework and representation in the main areas of social welfare law to people who live or work in London. <https://www.marywardlegal.org.uk/> 020 7831 7079

National Debt Line

Provides free and independent advice on debt and money problems. <https://www.nationaldebtline.org/> 0808 808 4000

Hounslow Furniture Recycling Project

Provides furniture and electrical items to people who would otherwise struggle to afford such items. <http://hounslowct.org.uk/furniture-recycling/> 020 8892 4916

Freecycle

A place where you can acquire other people's unwanted items for free. <https://www.freecycle.org/town/HounslowCentralNorthandEastUK>

Freely Wheely

A place where you can acquire other people's unwanted items for free. <https://www.freelywheely.com/freecycle/hounslow>

Hounslow Community FoodBox

Provides emergency food for people in crisis. <https://www.hounslowfoodbox.org.uk/>

Skinner's Benevolent Trust

Skinner's Benevolent Trust provides immediate-needs crisis grants of up to £275, for individuals and families to purchase essential household items. <https://www.skinner's.org.uk/sbt/>

Sir Thomas Smythe's Charity

Grants of up to £250 are available to individuals for domestic and health related needs including; household repairs, replacing domestic appliances, hospital related travel, and other one-off expenses. <https://www.skinner's.org.uk/smythe/>

Mary Strand Charitable Trust

To help people who are in need due to sickness, poverty or old age. Email m.wiggin@caritassalford.org.uk

The Percy Bilton Charity

For individuals in financial need who have a disability or severe mental health problem, or who are over 65, for grants to purchase basic household furniture, equipment and clothing. <https://www.percy-bilton-charity.org/> 020 8579 2829

Glasspool Charity Trust

One of the few UK-wide charities providing grant support for people experiencing financial hardship that has no restrictions on who they can help. Provide timely, small, one-off grants to individuals, couples and families for everyday items to help them cope when things get tough. <https://www.glasspool.org.uk/>

Royal British Legion

Help for members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families. <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/who-we-help>

Not Forgotten Association

Provides help and support for ex-servicemen and women with disabilities. <https://thenotforgotten.org/>

London Borough of Hounslow for:

Financial assistance

Vulnerable living in shared facilities

Covid 19. Apply for public funds

<https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/>

Referral to local Ward

Councillor <https://democraticservices.hounslow.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

Hounslow Hub for:

Assistance in finding support <https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/hub>