



Cymorth i Ferched Cymru
Welsh Women's Aid

Directory of funding options for survivors with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)



Introduction

This directory details funding options from charitable foundations and grant-making bodies for specialist VAWDASV services to provide support to survivors with NRPF. This includes financial support to pay for rents in refuge as well as basic needs such as clothes, food and travel. The funding opportunities are divided into funds for individuals, and funds for organisations.

The **funds for individuals** can be applied to with the details of the individual when she is in contact with your service. Some funds require a support worker to make the application and others require the individual to make the application themselves.

The **funding for organisations** is a list of grant-making bodies who are open to applications from specialist VAWDASV services to cover some of the costs associated with providing refuge-based support (including rent) to survivors with NRPF, and any other survivor ineligible for housing benefit.

At the end of the directory you will find some key resources for supporting women and families with NRPF.



1. Funding for Individuals

Vicar's Relief Fund

Purpose and scope The Vicar's Relief Fund (VRF) is a fund established by St Martin-in-the-Fields Charity (registered charity number: 1156305). The VRF helps those who are homeless or vulnerably housed through small-sum, rapid response grants to prevent eviction or access accommodation.

Min/Max payment Frontline workers can apply on behalf of their clients for grants to help prevent eviction (of up to £350) or access accommodation (of up to £500). In some limited cases more can be requested but the frontline worker must demonstrate why their client has exceptional circumstances.

Repeat payments? Only 1 grant per person every 12 months

How and when to apply? Applications are made via an online portal <https://smitf.flexigrant.com> and outcomes usually communicated within 5 days. Grants paid in arrears or in advance.

Method of payment? BACS payment direct to Service.

Eligibility Criteria [vrf-grant-making-policy-dec-2021.pdf](#)
(frontlinenetwork.org.uk)

Contact details [Vicar's Relief Fund | St Martin in the Field](#)
(frontlinenetwork.org.uk)

COSARAF Charitable Foundation - Hardship Fund

Purpose and scope The COSARAF Foundation provides Hardship Grants to individuals in genuine financial need. The funding can be requested for Rent arrears and Council tax arrears where there is a clear and obvious risk of homelessness, household items, basic living expenses and contribution to immigration related costs where the current immigration status directly causes financial hardship to the applicant

Min/Max payment Grants of up to £2,000 are available for eligible individuals and families. Most grants are between £500-£1,000.

Repeat payments? Only 1 grant per person every 12 months

How and when to apply? Applications are assessed every six weeks and responses can be expected within eight weeks of the application.

Method of payment? BACS payment direct to service

Eligibility Criteria To be eligible for a small grant or donation, the following criteria must be met:

- We prioritise the most financially excluded people
- We prioritise items that will make the most difference
- Additional weight is given to those with caring responsibilities

Contact details [Hardship Grants Application Guide - COSARAF](#)

National Zakat Foundation (NZF)

Purpose and scope The NZF Hardship Relief Fund gives grants for basic costs to vulnerable Muslims in the UK who are unable to pay for basic living costs. The fund can offer a payment to support with food, clothes, monthly bills, emergency housing costs, travel.

Min/Max payment For a single person, the minimum is £470
For families with children, the amount varies depending on number of children. Mother and 4 children the minimum payment is £1140.

Repeat payments? Only 1 grant per person/family every 12 months

How and when to apply? Apply online, currently a 5 week turnaround for decision due to high demand (as at November 2021) and this timeframe fluctuates according to demand. NZF target is to respond between 10 days and 2 weeks.

Method of payment? Bank transfer to the individual or transfer to a Post Office which can be used as high street vouchers.

Eligibility Criteria For Muslims living in the UK who are entitled to receive Zakat

Contact details [Hardship Relief Fund - NZF](#)

Smallwood Trust Partnership

Purpose and scope	Provides small grants and support for women on low incomes who are trying to overcome financial difficulties.
Min/Max payment	Average one-off payment £530, small time limited monthly payments are also occasionally considered.
Repeat payments?	Re-application is open after a 3 year period.
How and when to apply?	Grants to Individuals Smallwood Trust Individuals must complete an enquiry form and a member of the grants team then gets in touch with the applicant. Following submission of the application the turnaround for a decision is 4 weeks, and payment 2-3 weeks after this date.
Method of payment?	BACS payment direct to individuals account.
Eligibility Criteria	Women aged 18 and over living in the UK. Women who are on a low income, in receipt of all entitled benefits and have savings under £2000 and a combined priority debt of less than £3000. Women must be able to provide evidence of current financial need.
Contact details	Grants to Individuals Smallwood Trust

Glasspool and Smallwood Trust Partnership

Purpose and scope Grants for women from the Glasspool and the Smallwood Trust Partnership are available from 1 November 2021 to 30 June 2022. Costs supported; essential household items including clothes/baby things AND moving costs, back to work costs, emergency costs, rent/council tax arrears and utility costs.

Min/Max payment Average payment is £530

Repeat payments? The fund is open from 1st November 2021 until 30th June 2022. One grant during this period can be allocated per individual.

How and when to apply? <https://grantsplus.org.uk/> Support workers can apply on behalf of the individual by registering on the GrantsPlus portal. Decisions are communicated via GrantsPlus portal. Decision is usually within one month.

Method of payment? BACS payment direct to service

Eligibility Criteria A woman can apply for funding fulfils the following criteria:

- Has not received a Smallwood Grant
- Be aged 18 or above
- Have the right to reside and is living in the UK (Her NRPF condition is related to a visa which means she has leave to remain or enter i.e. spouse visor, student visor, leave to remain granted under family or private life).
- Is in receipt of all benefits she is entitled to (including migrating onto Universal Credit) or has an income below the Minimum Income Standard threshold
- Has savings under £4,000 and debts under £10,000

She will also need to be experiencing one or more of the following circumstances:

- Reduced income due to redundancy
- Reduction in working hours
- Fluctuating income (zero hours' contract)
- Insufficient benefit income to meet daily needs
- Domestic abuse
- Poor mental or physical health

Contact details [Smallwood Trust Partnership - Glasspool](#)

Fund for Human Need

Purpose and scope	The Fund for Human need (FHN) is a small Methodist-affiliated charity established in 1960 to relieve poverty and hunger. Emergency payments (once only) are made, irrespective of faith, ethnic origin or social group to individuals in the UK. Priority is given to those who are destitute or have no income or benefits, to those who are particularly vulnerable and to those where a small amount of money will make a significant difference.
Min/Max payment	£120
Repeat payments?	Not available
How and when to apply?	An application can be made online or a downloadable application form can be emailed. Decisions and payments are made within one month.
Method of payment?	Cheque direct to the supporting organisation.
Eligibility Criteria	Anyone in the United Kingdom who is destitute and desperate, irrespective of faith, ethnic origin or social group, can apply to the fund.
Contact details	Fund for Human Need – Registered Charity No. 208866

Turn2Us Response Fund

Purpose and scope

A fund offering financial support to individuals and families who have experienced a life-changing event in the last twelve months and are linked in with a registered referral partner.

How and when to apply?

Referrals must be made via a registered referral partner. In Wales the registered referral partners are listed below:

- Shelter Cymru [Telephone advice - Shelter Cymru](#)
 - Family Fund [Family Fund Support | Family Fund](#)
 - Helen Bamber Foundation [Helen Bamber Foundation | Strength to Fly](#)
 - Cardiff Community Housing Association [Contact Us - Cardiff Community Housing Association \(ccha.org.uk\)](#)
 - Newport Council Temporary Accommodation Support Assistance [TASA Scheme Leaflet \(newport.gov.uk\)](#)
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Eligibility Criteria

Each referral partner has its own eligibility rules and processes for applying to the Response Fund on behalf of people they work with.

Buttle UK - Chances for Children Grants

Purpose and scope Individually tailored grants of up to £2,000 for children and young people who have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on their social and emotional wellbeing and educational engagement. "The children and young people have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on all three of the following: their social wellbeing, their emotional wellbeing, and their educational engagement AND The family or young person has recently taken action to improve their situation, are actively engaging with support and are moving on from the crisis."

Min/Max payment £2000

Repeat payments? Information not available

How and when to apply? Support workers must apply on behalf of the children they are supporting.

Method of payment? Information not available

Eligibility Criteria Applicants must:

- Have gained consent for the application from the parent / carer/ young person
- Have completed the application with input from the parent/guardian and children/young person
- Demonstrate a clear assessment of the emotional and learning needs of the children/young person
- Demonstrate how the items or activities applied for will address these needs
- Show how the grant fits with other support being provided to the children/young people

Contact details [Chances for Children Grants - Buttle UK](#)

Retail Trust Financial Aid

Purpose and scope	Financial aid for anyone working in the retail sector (within the past 3 months) or who used to work in the retail sector (over a three year period). This includes working in a supermarket, corner shop and any other aspect of retail including warehouse, delivery, manufacturing, logistics, medical supplies.
Min/Max payment	Case by case basis and no minimum or maximum amounts. A months rent in refuge for a woman with NRPF would be considered.
Repeat payments?	Two payments in 10 years, with a minimum gap of 2 years between two payments.
How and when to apply?	If the survivor can demonstrate homelessness, i.e. letter from refuge, evidence of retail background via payslips and bank statement. If the application is around homelessness the request will be expediated and a response will be given as soon as possible within a fortnight – 1 month.
Method of payment?	BACS payment direct to landlord/refuge
Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently working in retail (for at least the previous 3 months) or evidence of working in retail in the previous 2 years (with evidence of continuous employment in retail for 3 years).• Details about your qualifying retail employment, including names and dates of employment.• Reason for the application and what the financial assistance is for. – i.e letter from refuge including cost of rent• An official bank statement dated within the last 60 days.

Contact details

[Financial aid | Retail Trust](#)

2. Grants for organisations

The following grant funding bodies have expressed interest in receiving applications from specialist VAWDASV services to support women and families with NRPF affected by VAWDASV including for emergency accommodation.

Wales-Wide

Funder	Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust – Ann Rylands Small Grants Programme
Grant Size	Up to £5,000
Application process and turnaround	Apply online via website. There are no specific deadlines for submitting applications. Appeals may be made whenever the online application system is open, and will be considered by the Trustees as soon as possible, depending on the volume of applications
Key criteria	SD-GUIDELINES-January-2022.pdf (julesthorntrust.org.uk)
Contact	Contact -Sir Jules Thorn Trust

Funder	The Mary Homfray Charitable Trust
Grant Size	Between £1000- £5000
Application process and turnaround	Trustees meet annually in the Spring usually March and awards are given n=by May/June. Short online application form no more than 2 pages. Applicants can re-apply annually.
Key criteria	Organisations operating in Wales. Focused on Homelessness.
Contact	Home - TMHCT (maryhomfrayct.org)

South-East Wales

Funder	Gibbs Trust
Grant Size	Average grant size £1500 - £2000
Application process and turnaround	Meet 4 times per year and outcome communicated to applicants within 1 week of meeting.
Key criteria	Priority area is South East Wales
Contact	Welcome to the Gibbs Trust website :: Gibbs Trust

Swansea and Neath Port Talbot

Funder	Austin Bailey Foundation
Grant Size	Approx. £1000 and they like to build relationships with organisations and will often re-fund the same organisation.
Application process and turnaround	The trustees meet 3 times a year. The dates of these meetings are posted on their Facebook page 6 weeks in advance and they recommend getting in applications as early as possible. Decisions usually communicated within a few weeks of each meeting.
Key criteria	The foundation like to fund projects which are not normally funded – accommodation costs for people with NRPF would fit into this criteria.
Contact	Application Information — Austin Bailey Foundation

3. Useful resources

[Support for Migrant Victims Scheme \(SMV Scheme\) - Southall Black Sisters](#)

[Support for victims of domestic abuse | NRPF \(nrpfnetwork.org.uk\)](#)

[Immigration law - Rights of Women](#)

See also useful helplines, websites and resources in [Welsh Women's Aid's Toolkit](#) on the Rights of Migrant Survivors of VAWDASV.

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