

## Other Sources of Help

You may be able to get an Advance Payment or a Hardship Payment from the Department for Work and Pensions.

The Department for Work and Pensions will continue to deliver the Bereavement Support Payment; or offer support if you are in financial need and have either:

- Recently made a new claim to benefit
- Need an advance of benefit to help you until the next payment of benefit is made (This is an Advance Payment)
  - You need to demonstrate that you will be able to repay the advance. This is usually within 12 months and consideration can be given to delay repayment by 3 months. You may be required to show that you do not have any other source of financial help.

Best Start Grant (Pregnancy and Baby Payment, Early Learning Payment, School Age Payment) and Funeral Support Payment are also available through Social Security Scotland.

Your local Citizens Advice Bureau, or local Welfare Rights Organisation can offer advice. You'll find details at <http://www.cas.org.uk/about-us/citizens-advice-bureaux>

Struggling to make ends meet?

The [Money Talk Team](#) can help you bring home your missing money. You can talk to them to find out what money you are entitled to & what costs you can cut. Give them a call on 0800 085 7145.

It is 100% free & 100% confidential. Find out more: <https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/who-are-money-talk-team>

## The Scottish Welfare Fund Help when you need it most



## The Scottish WELFARE FUND

Need help to set up or stay in your own home?  
Have you or your family been hit by a crisis?

**If you are on a low income, help could be available from the Scottish Welfare Fund**

You can contact your local council about applying for a Crisis Grant or Community Care Grant by visiting

<https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-welfare-fund/>

or search Welfare Fund on your local council's website

### **The Scottish Welfare Fund**

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# The Scottish Welfare Fund

Under the Scottish Welfare Fund, two types of grant are available through local councils. They can help people who are on a low income and are having difficulty because of an exceptional situation or in meeting one-off expenses.

- **Crisis Grants** can provide people with a safety net in the event of a disaster or emergency such as a fire or flood, or if money has been lost or stolen
- **Community Care Grants** can help people leaving care to live on their own, or to stay in their own home. These grants can also help families facing exceptional pressures that need essential household items, such as a cooker or a washing machine

If you are facing household difficulties or a crisis, you may be eligible for a grant.

Or, if you work or volunteer in the social care sector, you may meet an individual or family that could benefit from a Crisis Grant or Community Care Grant.



## How can a Crisis Grant help you?

If you are facing a crisis at home such as a fire or flood, or in an emergency such as losing all your money or running out of food, a Crisis Grant could help.

Crisis grants can be made in a variety of ways, such as financial help to buy food or pay for heating, or items such as a cooker or furniture following a disaster.

## How can a Community Care Grant help you?

If you're about to leave care to live on your own in the community such as after being in hospital or prison, or face going into care because you don't have the things you need to continue living at home, a Community Care Grant could help.

A Community Care Grant may also be able to help if you are struggling to provide a safe and secure home for your family. For example, you might need help to get essential household items such as a cooker or washing machine but do not have the money to buy them.

Community Care Grants are normally provided in the form of goods, for example:

- cookers
- beds
- furniture
- travel costs

## How to apply

To find out if you are eligible for a Community Care Grant or to make an application, contact your local council or visit

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/social-security/income-related-benefits/>

