

Newbury and Thatcham Welfare Trust

Supporting Individuals in West Berkshire

Registered Charity: 235077

Our criteria:

The Trust has a modest income from investments and can make small grants for items, services or facilities that will provide relief for individuals who meet **all** of the following criteria:

- There must be an identified medical **AND** financial need – we are unable to consider applications that only meet one of those needs.
- and
- The individual **MUST** live in the district of West Berkshire.

The Trustees can consider applications for a wide variety of items, services or facilities so long as the need is clear. The types of items that are supported include carpeting and household items, mobility aids, and services such as transport costs to essential appointments.

However, there are certain restrictions, for example, it is not possible to consider applications that represent direct revenue (cash) payments to individuals, or to repay debt, cover council tax, rent, utility or mortgage payments.

The application process:

The Trust is unable to accept direct applications from individuals, they can only be submitted via a health or social care professional, voluntary sector organisation or education establishment. **We are unable to liaise directly with beneficiaries regarding their application.**

The Trustees can only consider applications made via the Clerk, deserving cases can normally receive grants up to a maximum of £500, or sometimes greater at the discretion of the Trustees.

Applications must be made using the form which can be obtained from the Clerk, the form must be signed by the beneficiary and returned accompanied by a supporting letter or email from the referring organisation.

The application form and/or supporting letter must clearly demonstrate:

- All the criteria as specified above has been met.
- Details of the item, service or facility that a grant is being sought for.
- Full disclosure of financial information and medical need, noting that less financial detail is required for applications under £250.
- For larger amounts – if other sources of funding are being considered.

Applications will be rejected if they fail to meet the criteria or provide the required information.

Applications can be considered on an ad hoc basis in between Trustee meetings, and a decision can usually be made within two weeks.

Please be aware that we are unable to make payments to the beneficiary, and currently we are only able to make cheque payments which can either be made payable to the supplier, or to the referring organisation.

Any funding agreed will only be available for a period of 3 months from the date of notification, after which the offer of support will be withdrawn and applicants will need to reapply.

Referring Organisations and Professionals:

Referrals can be accepted from health professionals (GP, Health Visitor etc), recognised agencies, local authorities, charities, and voluntary organisations that provide support to individuals in West Berkshire.

Please be aware that the Trust cannot liaise directly with:

- applicants at any time during the application process, all communication must be via the referring organisation.
- suppliers of the item or service that funding is being sought for, except for communication regarding the payment arrangements.

There must be certainty that you are willing to act as the point of contact between the Trust and the applicant throughout the application and payment process.

Contacts:

For application forms and queries please contact the Clerk in the first instance:

Jacqui Letsome, Clerk

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