**INDIVIDUALS – HARDSHIP GRANTS– FUNDING SOURCES**

The funders below offer awards for a range of projects associated with funding to help individuals facing difficulties. It is important that you make sure your project fits with the funders priorities and eligibility criteria. You can approach a number of the funders below to complete a cocktail of funding for a particular project. However, please ensure that this fits with the funders conditions of award. If you are in any doubt or would like some direction please contact the Funding & Monitoring Team, Fife Council on 01592 583498. For additional funding sources please try the National Funding Portal at [www.fifedirect.org.uk/grantsandfunding](http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/grantsandfunding).

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| **CONTACT DETAILS** | **GRANT AMOUNT** | **SUMMARY** | **WHAT IS ELIGIBLE** |
| **TURN2US**To start this search please use: [Turn2Us](https://www.turn2us.org.uk/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIhZz_tMmM7gIViQUGAB1Y-QapEAAYASAAEgLKavD_BwE) www.turn2us.org.uk  |  | They offer support in the following ways for individuals: 1. **Benefits Calculator & Tax Credit** – A benefits calculator checker 2. **Grants Searcher** – These are grant giving charities – Individuals on low income can apply for a grant if they meet certain criteria (e.g. age, gender, current or past jobs, health conditions, dependent children etc) 3. **Coronavirus Help** There are two grant funds here to help for individuals – however both are currently suspended because of the high demand. |  |
| **ABERLOUR**To start this search please use:[Aberlour Assistance Fund](https://www.aberlour.org.uk/urgentassistancefund/) | between £150 and £200 | The Aberlour Urgent Assistance Fund awards cash grants to assist children and young people (aged 21 and under) across Scotland, and their families, who are suffering extreme hardship.Applications must be endorsed and submitted by a sponsor, acting in their professional capacity. Examples of eligible sponsors include social workers, health care professionals, teachers, clergy and third sector organisations.  | Grants to assist with a range of needs, such as food, prepay power cards, clothing, bedding or other essentials. |
| **BEST START GRANT AND BEST START FOODS**To start this search please use:[Best Start Scheme](https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/) |  | the **Best Start** Grant is a package of three new **Scottish** benefits to help parents and carers on low incomes with the costs of having a child in the family. It replaces the Sure **Start** Maternity Grant for people living in **Scotland**. | * Pregnancy & Baby Payment
* Early Learning Payment

The Best Start Food Card - Best Start Foods is a prepaid card that you can use to buy healthy foods for children under 3. You can use the card in shops and online. |
| **BEST START GRANT** **SCHOOL AGE PAYMENT**To start this search please use: [Best Start Grant School Age Payment](https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/) | £250 | The School Age Payment is part of Best Start Grant, a package of three payments that will give extra money to low income families during the early years of a child’s life. | The money can be used for anything from school uniform and shoes to a school bag, books or days out. |
| **BRITISH RED CROSS**To start this search please use: [British Red Cross](https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help##)  | Varies | Provides mental health advice, access to essentials like food, medicines and medical equipment, and information that can help keep you safe. |  |
| **CHALLENGER CHILDRENS FUND**To start this search please use:[Challenger Children's Fund.](https://www.ccfscotland.org/#criteria) | **Up to £500** | Applications for grants up to £500 are accepted when made by a sponsor on behalf of physically disabled children who are resident in Scotland **Due to COVID 19** the Fund will only consider applications for items which would be of specific and direct benefit to the child for whom the application is being made. They will NOT consider applications for therapies during this time. | Items such as:maintenance, clothing, education, outfit in life or otherwise for the general benefit and well-being” of any disabled person under the age of 18. |
| **CHEST HEART AND STROKE SCOTLAND**To start this search please use: [Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland](https://www.chss.org.uk/coronavirus/i-need-help/) |  | They are running a campaign to help vulnerable people who are self-isolating and want to reduce isolation and loneliness. If anyone would like support they can call 0808 801 0899 or fill in an online form  | * Friendly ‘kindness’ calls to check in on you regularly
* dog-walking
* shopping
* medication deliveries

 Volunteers are here to make sure people can stay safe and well in their own home. |
| **COSY KINGDOM****(FUEL TOP-UP PAYMENTS)**Cosy Kingdom can be contacted direct on 01592 807930 or info@cosykingdom.org.uk.  For North East Fife, contact St. Andrews Environmental Network on 01334 659315 or info@standrewsenvironmental.org  |  | Cosy Kingdom is a free and impartial energy and advice service available to tenants and homeowners across Fife |  |
| **FAMILY ACTION WELFARE FUND**To start this search please use:[Family Action Welfare Fund](https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/welfare-grants/) | £200 to a maximum of £300 in most cases.  | All applications must be made, on-line, by a suitable referring agency. Suitable referring agencies include: statutory agencies or charities that provide health or social care; housing associations; probation services and GP’s |  |
| **FAMILY FUND**To start this search please use: [Family Fund](https://www.familyfund.org.uk/scotland)[www.familyfund.org.uk](http://www.familyfund.org.uk) |  | Their purpose is to improve the lives of low-income families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people by helping to provide items and services that they could not otherwise afford or access.  | Items such as: * computers,
* tablets,
* kitchen appliances,

family breaks. |
| **Fife Council -Discretionary Housing Payment**[Fife Council - Discretionary Housing Payment](https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/housing/housing-benefit/discretionary-housing-payment)Applications can be submitted online via Fife Council’s website |  | A short-term (6 or 12 months) payment awarded to people who need help paying their rent. The reasons could be due to benefit deductions, illness, extra expenses or the benefit cap.  | To claim a Discretionary Housing Payment you must be entitled to:* Housing Benefit; or
* receive a Housing Cost Element as part of your Universal Credit award.

You must also show that you are unable to pay your rent. |
| **FIFE COUNCIL –** **Help towards School Uniforms and Free School Meals**To start this search please use:[Fife Council](https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/education2/schools-in-fife/free-school-meals-and-school-clothing-grants)  |  | Provides free school meals and a school clothing grant of £100.00 per child if you are on a low income. |  |
| **Fife Council - SETTLEMENT TRUSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS**To start this search please use: [Individual Settlement Trust](https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/council-and-democracy/community-group-support-and-funding/fife-grants) | Varies | Individual applicants must be a resident within the Trusts Areas – please check this on the website before applying | Apply under the criteria of: Prevention of Poverty  |
| **FIFE GINGERBREAD**To start this search please use: [WWW.Fifegingerbread.co.uk](https://www.fifegingerbread.org.uk/)  |  | Provides information to help single parents support themselves and their family. They run programmes to equip single parents with the skills and opportunities to gain employment and offer financial advice |  |
| **ONE FAMILY FOUNDATION**To start this search please use: [One Family Foundation - Personal Grants](https://www.onefamily.com/your-foundation/personal-grants/)  | **£500** | The OneFamily Foundation is a way for their customers, their families and their communities to get help with the things that really matter to them through accessing funding via Personal, Young Person's Education and Community Grants. | Items such as:* Home modification/repairs
* Disability/Mobility aids e.g. mobility scooter
* Essential furniture e.g. beds, fridge freezer

Specialist software to help those with learning difficulties |
| **Pink Saltire COVID19 Relief** To start this search please use: [COVID Relief Pink Saltire](https://pinksaltire.com/covid-support/) |  | Pink Saltire will be providing a range of immediate and medium-term solutions to support LGBT+ people (and others) if they face financial or other hardship during this pandemic | * Food vouchers for major supermarkets
* Mobile top-ups for all networks
* Care Packs for LGBT+ people (with an option for those with younger children)
* Mobile broadband dongles with data top-ups
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| **PRINCES TRUST**To start this search please use: [The Princes Trust](https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people) |  | During this challenging time The Princes Trust will be delivering one to one support, advice and guidance for young people to help them continue to develop their confidence and upskill. |  |
| **REUSE NETWORK**To start this search please use:[Reuse Network](https://reuse-network.org.uk/) |  | Reuse centres stock high-quality, affordable household items to support vulnerable people in need  | Household items including furniture, electrical appliances, IT equipment and more. |
| **SCOTTISH WELFARE FUND**To start this search please use:[Scottish Welfare Fund - Crisis Grant](https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-welfare-fund/crisis-grants/)[Crisis and community care grants | Fife Council](https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/benefits-and-money-advice/crisis-and-community-care-grants) |  | The Scottish Welfare Fund helps families and people in Scotland who are on low incomes through Crisis Grants and Community Care Grants.  | Some things this may include are help with the costs of:* food
* heating costs
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| **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT WINTER SUPPORT**To start this search please use: [Winter support fund for families and children](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eyBCqNsB04kUllhf3rCzE0too2y6whQ4Rq_75KYaNu-RKN1Gl2SyXzp5V7D5_7XOT5_RtgUFKKqqo7mjNbRCMb9t0dwZwWz1visxBwdkk0sswHVUCqnO86_3EAV5pZVHZ7nk1_rlVWIHkFikPaK5LN3YsPhs6i03fXEWu4y_TBlgL6HdglGzo_xIYaF016KKheIS1Ny-BV3CH8jOW8HGAW3a8rWkQyWfOQiVMkdfkkMYClQLjLY_Mw%3D%3D%26c%3DIQY-cfrEYyAN10I5mUTkmhqIOQGRH6L7cJZKFWjcntBvXKrUbUSPzg%3D%3D%26ch%3DhtEgRq2aCPY28OdGAHBTBxtpwFU8BeXB6_jRIkVDY_xFe7LAMVMocw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7CNicola.Buchanan%40fife.gov.uk%7Cf8f06f81c6ee4027bab508d89d145b44%7Cf969a52f42c040f198badaed6c43087c%7C0%7C0%7C637432058059427913%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=vgVWjH5mhyilIneDpjJ1GRBPrxC3j1cG5ZkY1Yu1kNs%3D&reserved=0) |  | Funding to help people pay for food, heating, warm clothing and shelter during the winter is part of a new £100m support package.The fund will help those on low incomes, children and people at risk of homelessness or social isolation cope with winter weather and the economic impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) and Brexit. |  |
| **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT – Home Heating Support Fund**To start this search please use: [SG - Home Heating Support Fund](https://homeheatingadvice.scot/how-to-apply-for-funding/) |  | The Scottish Government has launched a new fund to support energy customers who are suffering financial hardship due to COVID-19. Administered by Advice Direct Scotland, the Home Heating Support Fund has been established because no household should live in fuel poverty or ration fuel to get by.Organisations who provide energy advice and/or approved money advice can apply on behalf of the individuals they support.The fund is available until 31 March 2021 with payments beginning on 22 February 2021 |  |
| **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT – Self-Employed Hardship Fund**To start this search please use: [SG - Self-Employed Hardship Fund](https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/newly-self-employed-hardship-fund) | **£4,000** | This latest grant scheme, provided by the Scottish Government, is designed to help alleviate financial hardship for newly self-employed people who meet the eligibility criteria. | The scheme offers a one-off £4,000 payment for those whose status as being newly self-employed makes them ineligible for the UK Government’s Coronavirus (Covid-19) Self-employment Income Support |
| **Scottish Government -SELF ISOLATION SUPPORT GRANT**To start this search please use: [Self-Isolation Support Grant](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001eyBCqNsB04kUllhf3rCzE0too2y6whQ4Rq_75KYaNu-RKN1Gl2SyXzp5V7D5_7XOMTQcucuf0ESJu6qxojE3o2ekfa3wqH4VhmrImvuaAYew39WK-vvt0J33dHBelb-oT540hjPP7Kj2rxiMCjj7DYLkUT2bDCmy36mrLyzoUV4xIUXklB2mTHNci_auZD6dsL_hnVjno5VSx3qjQfoUSUeOumIiFx_9Qd-hUbTjVN7KetzrMem-ww%3D%3D%26c%3DIQY-cfrEYyAN10I5mUTkmhqIOQGRH6L7cJZKFWjcntBvXKrUbUSPzg%3D%3D%26ch%3DhtEgRq2aCPY28OdGAHBTBxtpwFU8BeXB6_jRIkVDY_xFe7LAMVMocw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7CNicola.Buchanan%40fife.gov.uk%7Cf8f06f81c6ee4027bab508d89d145b44%7Cf969a52f42c040f198badaed6c43087c%7C0%7C0%7C637432058059417960%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=Q2tAEAVa672%2BiWqmCrQSdGrIHpf%2BLLiD%2F37uKCgOM6g%3D&reserved=0) | **£500** | The Self-Isolation Support Grant provides £500 for low income workers who are in receipt of Universal Credit or other benefits and will lose earnings as a result of having to self-isolate because of COVID-19.Also NOW includes parents on low incomes whose children are asked to self-isolate.The grant will also become available to those who may be eligible for Universal Credit but have not yet applied. |  |
| **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT TENANTS HARDSHIP LOAN FUND**To start this search please use: [Tenant Hardship Loan Fund](https://www.gov.scot/news/increased-support-for-tenants/) |  | The Scottish Government's Tenant Hardship Loan Fund is designed to help people who have had their finances or employment impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and do not have other means of housing support |  |
| **SCOTTISH POWER HARDSHIP FUND**To start this search please use:[Scottish Power Hardship Fund](https://www.sedhardship.fund/) |  | A fund to help ScottishPower customers who are struggling to pay their ScottishPower debt due to low household income, for example, customers on Income Support, Job Seekers, Pension Credit, Employment Support Allowance or Disability Living Allowance. | Social Enterprise Direct administer the Hardship Fund and will review applications and decide if you are eligible for an award. |
| **SHELTER SCOTLAND**To start this search please use:[Shelter Scotland - Crisis Grant](https://scotland.shelter.org.uk/get_advice/advice_topics/paying_for_a_home/other_benefits_grants_and_loans/crisis_grants) |  | In an emergency, you can apply for a crisis grant to cover the cost of essential items that you can't afford on your regular income. | * food or clothing
* costs, that are not covered by other Local Authority obligations relating to homelessness, for accommodation in a hostel
* getting your gas or electricity reconnected
* minor repairs and improvements
* living expenses for a short period of time (for example, while you are waiting for your first benefit payment)
* emergency travel expenses.
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| **UNISON GRANTS**To start this search please use: [Unison COVID 19 Response Fund](https://www.unison.org.uk/get-help/services-support/there-for-you/financial-assistance/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=December%20U%20Dig&utm_source=Communications&utm_content=Apply%20for%20a%20There%20For%20You%20grant) | **Up to £500** | Please note that applicants must be a UNISON member with savings of less than £2,500 and have paid at least two months’ subscriptions. | * £350 living costs for applicants who are furloughed or have a salary reduction due to COVID
* £500 loss of employment grant due to redundancy
* Up to £500 housing costs grant – towards rent, mortgage, or council tax arrears that have accrued since March 2020
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| **SOCIAL SECURITY SCOTLAND**[**www.mygov.scot/benefits**](http://www.mygov.scot/benefits)**or Freephone 0800 182 2222****Carers Allowance Supplement**<https://www.mygov.scot/carers-allowance-supplement/>**Best Start Grant** **- Pregnancy and New Baby Payment****- Early Learning Payment****Best Start Foods**<https://www.mygov.scot/benefits/best-start/>**Young Carer Grant** <https://www.mygov.scot/benefits/young-carer/>**Funeral Support Payment**<https://www.mygov.scot/funeral-support-payment/> | £230.10£600 for first child, £300 for subsequent children£250 per child; from 2nd birthday until 3 yrs 6 mthsFrom pregnancy or any time up to your child turning 3 years old.£305.10 per yearPayment towards funeral costs. | Social Security Scotland currently delivers seven benefits for carers and people on low incomes.Extra payment for people in Scotland who get Carer’s Allowance on a particular date. If you received Carers Allowance on 13 April 2020 you’ll automatically receive £230.10 in June.You can get Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods:* if your child is the right age for a payment
* whether you're in work or not, as long as you're on certain payments or benefits
* as long as you're the parent of a child, or the main person looking after the child

(Applications for Best Start Grant school payment, a £250 grant for children aged between 4 & 5, will open on 1st June 2020. Families are able to receive this payment in addition to school clothing grant.)The Young Carer Grant is a yearly payment for young people aged 16-18 with caring responsibilities of 16 hours and over per week.Funeral Support Payment is a payment for people receiving certain benefits or tax credits, to help towards the costs of a funeral, including burial/cremation, funeral and travel costs.  | More details on eligibility including the relaxation of certain criteria due to COVID-19 impacts, are available at [www.mygov.scot](http://www.mygov.scot)  |