



The Anchor Society

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The Anchor Society has been supporting the elderly in Bristol for nearly 250 years. One of the charity's main aims is to support older people through emergency grant giving to allow them to remain living independently in their own homes.

How we can help

Grants

Emergency grants of up to £500 can be given for home repairs and adaptations. This can include mobility aids and home furnishings where there is a need that is affecting quality of life; or any other request deemed to support a person's independent living. Each request is assessed on a case by case basis and the Society is able to respond quickly to enable a decision to be made as soon as possible, usually within one week.

"The Anchor Society have provided much needed support to help people purchase essential items for their properties. Without your financial support the transition in to their new homes would have been much more difficult. The help of The Anchor Society has been invaluable. Thank you."

Andy Herbert, Principal Supported Housing Officer, Hathaway House

"I cannot begin to tell you what a relief it was to know that such a major expense was covered. It means so very much. Thank you to all concerned for 'being there'. A true Anchor in life's storms"

Mrs P Fortune, recipient of an Anchor grant



REQUIREMENTS

The recipient of a grant must be:

- Aged 55 or over
- Living in Bristol or the surrounding area
- Referred by an external organisation who is able to verify the recipient's situation and financial means

"Mrs M asked me to pass on her thanks to you - and thank you too from me - it is so easy to contact you and it is so good to be able to get quick answers about whether it is possible for your charity to help people who are so often in very difficult situations"

Nicola Bridger, Caseworker,
WE Care & Repair

EXAMPLES OF PAST GRANTS

- Funding towards fixing a leaking roof for Mr and Mrs Y who were suffering with damp
- Funding to replace a broken immersion heater for Mrs Z who was without a hot water supply
- New carpets for Mr H who had recently moved into sheltered housing
- A new cooker for Mr P to enable him to cook warm meals for himself
- Funding towards a recliner chair for Mrs X to allow her to be more independent at home

*The Anchor Society is **not** able to provide grants towards the following: general cost of living, debts or outstanding bills; moving or travel expenses; respite breaks; insurance costs; fuel or funeral costs.*

TO APPLY

If you think your organisation knows of someone who would benefit from a grant and would like to discuss please get in touch or complete our online form with the following information:

- Name of recipient
- Age
- Address
- **Living arrangements** - does the applicant have any dependants or other adults living with them? Home owner or renting?
- **Financial situation** - please give full details of all applicants pensions, benefits, allowances, savings, debts and any other income and significant outgoings.
- **Health issues** - any disabilities or chronic health issues, mobility problems etc?
- **Family support** - Does the applicant have family support and if so are family members able to contribute financially? (Please rule this out before contacting the Society.)
- **Grant requested** - what is the grant application for and how much is being requested? How will this improve quality of life? Please include quotes for any proposed work or item.
- **Have you applied to any other charities?**
If so please list those you will or have applied to and how much pledged by any so far, and how much is left to raise.

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