

## What is a Crisis Grant?

The Care Workers' Charity Crisis Grant aims to support care sector workers who have experienced a change that has caused significant financial impact, such as a sudden or expected loss of income, an unexpected illness or injury, a relationship breakdown, a sudden change of living circumstances, domestic abuse or death of a close relative. Grants are assessed on a case-by-case basis and up to £500 can be awarded. We currently award grants to contribute to the following:

- Daily Living Costs
- Essential Whitegoods/Household Items
- Car and Household Repairs
- Moving Costs
- Funeral Costs
- Bankruptcy and Debt Relief Order (DRO) application fee
- Fees to Prevent Eviction

## Can I Apply?

To be eligible for a Crisis Grant, you **must**:

- ❖ Be employed in the UK social care sector, in a role that is involved in or supports the provision of adult, elderly or disability care.
- ❖ Either have been currently employed for at least one year or have been previously employed in the care sector for at least 5 years
- ❖ Have experienced one of the following changes in circumstances, within the last year:
  - A sudden or unexpected loss of income
  - A sudden or unexpected illness or injury
  - A sudden or unexpected change in living circumstances or loss of home
  - A relationship breakdown
  - An issue of domestic abuse
  - Death of a close relative
- ❖ Not be over the 25% of the Minimum Income Standard, if you are unsure, you can calculate this [here](#)

## How can I apply?

You can apply for a Crisis Grant on our website, using the 'Apply Now' button below.

Before you apply, please make sure that you can provide the necessary evidence documents. We are unable to award any grant without **all** the following:

- ❖ Evidence of Employment: This can be, a recent pay slip, P60 form, P45 form or a confirmation letter from your employer stating your period of employment
- ❖ A Letter of Support: This letter must be addressed to the Care Workers Charity and should confirm the circumstance of why you are claiming a grant and the difference that the grant would make. The person writing the letter must be a professional, such as your manager at work, Citizens Advice Bureau officer, doctor, debt advisor or housing support worker.

- ❖ A Recent Bank Statement: This needs to show your account name, sort code and account number.
- ❖ If applying for a funeral cost grant, then we require an invoice that shows the costs of the funeral.

If you can provide the following documents, it could make your application for a grant stronger. However, these documents are **not essential**:

- ❖ Medical confirmation of illness/injury
- ❖ Repair costs quotes and invoices
- ❖ Proof of eviction proceedings
- ❖ New tenancy agreements and removal quotes (if applying for a moving costs grant)
- ❖ Letter from a domestic violence support organization

## **The Process**

We aim to give all applicants an outcome of their grant within **14 working days**. However, this can vary depending on whether we have received the correct evidence documents. Please see an outline of our process below:

1. An application is submitted via the [application form](#) on the Care Workers Charity website.
2. A member of the Care Workers Charity Grants team will look over the application, to make sure that you meet the eligibility criteria and that the correct evidence documents have been provided.
3. If the application is eligible and the correct evidence documents have been provided, then another member of the team will have a look over your application and score the application using a matrix. This will suggest a grant amount that the applicant should receive.
4. A final check is carried out, to ensure that the evidence documents are eligible. If everything looks in order, then the application will be approved.
5. Once an application is approved, the applicant will be informed, and the payment will be disbursed into the bank details provided. The payment can take up to 5 working days to appear in the account.