

Scottish Welfare Fund – Community Care and Crisis Grants

Excluded items and alternative support

If you are applying for something from the Scottish Welfare Fund that's excluded, you may be able to get help elsewhere.

Excluded item/expense/circumstance	Alternative source of help
<p>A need which occurs outside the United Kingdom or expenses to meet the needs of people who have no recourse to public funds.</p>	<p>If a need arises out with the UK or if you have no recourse to public funds then you should seek advice from the Home Office or the Scottish Refugee Council.</p> <p>You can get help from Scottish Women's Aid, if you are experiencing domestic abuse.</p>
<p>An educational or training need including: clothing and tools, distinctive school uniform or sports clothes for use at school, equipment to be used at school, travelling expenses to or from school, school meals taken during school holidays by children who are entitled to free school meals.</p>	<p>If you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit or have income below a certain amount you may qualify for Free School Meals.</p> <p>If you are in receipt of income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment & Support Allowance or Income Support and your child is under sixteen and attending a PKC primary or secondary school then you may qualify for a School Clothing Grant.</p> <p>Please see the Perth & Kinross School Travel Policy for information on travelling to school.</p> <p>You may be able to apply to the Access to Learning Fund if you're studying a higher education course.</p> <p>If your child has a disability then you may be eligible for a grant from The Family Fund.</p>
<p>Expenses in connection with court (legal proceedings) such as legal fees, court fees, fines, costs, damages, subsistence or travelling expenses.</p>	<p>If you require financial assistance with legal fees then you should contact The Scottish Legal Aid Board. You may also be eligible for expenses for</p>

	<p>going to court.</p>
<p>Removal or storage charges if the person is being rehoused following a compulsory purchase order, a redevelopment or closing order or a compulsory exchange of tenancies.</p>	<p>You will be able to access advice on what to do in these circumstances from Shelter Scotland or from the Perth & Kinross Council Housing Section.</p>
<p>A television or a radio or a licence, aerial or rental costs, costs of purchasing renting or installing a telephone (unless this is for the purpose of a community alarm), mobile phones and any call charges.</p>	<p>If you or the person you care for is over 75 years old then you may qualify for a free TV licence or if you or anyone you live with is blind or severely visually impaired then you may qualify for a 50% reduction in the cost of your TV licence, for more information see Help with TV licence costs. If you are in receipt of certain disability benefits you may qualify for help with the cost of your telephone line rental.</p>
<p>Repair to Local Authority property or the property of social landlords who maintain property on behalf of the tenant.</p>	<p>Please contact your landlord for advice or assistance: Perth & Kinross Council Caledonia Housing Association Hillcrest Housing Association Fairfield Housing Co-operative</p>
<p>Rent in advance, which can be provided by a Budgeting Loan/Payment or a Discretionary Housing Payment.</p>	<p>Assistance with rent in advance or rent deposits may be paid for by applying for a Discretionary Housing Payment or by applying to the Rent Bond Guarantee Scheme. You may also want to visit the council's Housing Advice Centre to find suitable alternative accommodation.</p>