

Bristol charities that give grants to individuals

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There are a number of charities in Bristol that give grants to individuals. This booklet has details of the following charities:

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(The) Anchor Society
Avon & Somerset Police Benevolent Fund
Bristol Benevolent Institution
Bristol Charities
Bristol Corn Trade Guild
Care and Repair
(The) Dolphin Society
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Independent Age
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(The) Redcliffe Parish Charity
(The) Royal British Legion
St Monica Trust Community Fund
(Charity of) Thomas Beames
Unity Fund for the Elderly
Wraxall Parochial Charities

Before approaching these charities for help, please check that you meet their eligibility criteria and that you are applying in the way that they wish. Thank you.

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Almondsbury Charity

Note: this information was not updated by this charity in 2008.

We advise you check with the charity before applying to them for help.

Aims

1. Relief in need, relief in sickness, advancement of education, charitable organisations including in its objects the social welfare of the inhabitants within the area of benefit;
2. maintenance and repair of the fabric of the churches within the area of benefit.

Contact details

Mr S Davies
Secretary
Almondsbury Charity
13 Claydon Green
Whitchurch
Bristol BS14 0NG

Phone: 01275 543442
sd.almondsbury@blueyonder.co.uk

People helped

Must live within the Parish of Almondsbury (as defined in 1881) i.e. Almondsbury, Easter Compton, most of Pilning, Patchway and *North* Bradley Stoke.

Type of help

Grants up to four figures, depending on need.

Giving in 2006

Grants worth £20,607 for relief of need etc. and £47,390 to churches.

Restrictions

Must live within the boundary.

How to apply

Contact Secretary, Mr S Davies, and complete an application form.

Response

Respond promptly but meetings to agree grants are held every 2 months.

The Anchor Society

Note: this information was not updated by this charity in 2008.
We advise you check with the charity before applying to them for help.

Aims

Financial help to older people.

People helped

Anyone over 60 on a low income.

Type of help

Grants of up to £300 and annuities
(regular payments).

Giving in 2007/08

No details provided.

Restrictions

No details provided.

How to apply

By letter or phone.

Response

A visit will be made within 30 days.

Contact details

The Anchor Society
29 Alma Vale Road
Clifton
Bristol
BS8 2HL

Phone: 0117 973 4161

Avon & Somerset Police Benevolent Fund

Aims

Benevolent fund for current and past members of Avon & Somerset Police.

People helped

Serving members of staff, retired staff and widows of former staff.

Type of help

Grants and loans.

Giving in 2007/08

Grants worth £29,682.

Gifts worth £54,057.

Restrictions

Do not help with care costs or ongoing help.

How to apply

Contact Wendy Thompson, who will send out an application form.

Response

Respond as quickly as possible

Contact details

Wendy Thompson
Avon & Somerset Police Benevolent
Fund

Occupational Health, Safety &
Counselling

Napier Miles House

Napier Miles Road

Kingsweston

Bristol BS11 0UT

Phone: 0117 945 4355

Fax: 0117 945 4360

wendy.thompson@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Bristol Benevolent Institution

Aims

Financial help to older people.

People helped

Anyone living in Bristol over the age of 60 and in need of help with general living expenses.

Type of help

- annual grants;
- interest free loans to people who own their own homes.

Giving in 2007/08

£300,000

Restrictions

Do not help people living outside the area and people with a large mortgage outstanding on a property.

How to apply

Write or phone to request a visit.

Anyone can apply direct or through a friend, relative, social worker, health visitor etc.

Response

Applications are dealt with as quickly as possible.

Contact details

Mrs M B Nicholls
Bristol Benevolent Institution
45 High Street
Nailsea
BS48 1AW

Phone: 01275 810365

Maureen.nicholls@btinternet.com

Bristol Charities

People helped

People in need where there is some special circumstance which incurs great financial strain and could not be planned for. Must have lived in Bristol for more than 2 consecutive years.

Type of help

Grants of up to £100 for washing machines, household goods, wheelchairs etc. and grants to carers for short breaks and respite.

Giving in 2007/08

£104,890.

Restrictions

Does not help with clothing, tumble dryers, equipment for babies, a single bed for an only child, debts, care home fees, TVs or audio equipment.

How to apply

Applications must be made on the official application form and sponsored by a social worker, health visitor or similar.

Response

Responds on a daily basis.

Contact details

Lorraine Chapman
Bristol Charities
17 St Augustine's Parade
Bristol
BS1 7UL

Phone: 0117 930 0301

Fax: 0117 925 3824

Email: info@bristolcharities.org.uk
www.bristolcharities.org.uk

Bristol Corn Trade Guild

Note: this information was not updated by this charity in 2008.
We advise you check with the charity before applying to them for help.

People helped

People who have been engaged in any part of the grain, flour, feed or allied trades (this is flexible e.g. includes fertiliser industry) in the UK, or their dependents.

Type of help

- One off payments for e.g. building repairs, storage heaters or special medical equipment.
- Regular payment of bills e.g. phone, fuel.

Contact details

Richard Cooksley
Bristol Corn Trade Guild
Portbury House
Sheepway
Portbury
BS20 7TE

Phone: 01275 373 539
Fax: 01275 374 747

www.bcfta.org.uk

Giving in 2005/06

No details provided.

Restrictions

No details provided.

How to apply

Contact Richard Cooksley.

Response

No details provided.

Care and Repair

People helped

People over 60 and those of any age who have a disability. Home owners and private tenants.

Type of help

Help with applications for grants for disabled adaptations and repairs. Fundraise if grants are not available. Offer advice and support with repairs and adaptations.

Giving in 2007/08

Information not given.

Restrictions

Do not help with people under the age of 60 and the non disabled. Cannot help non home owners.

How to apply

Phone and ask for advice. Can self refer for home repairs but applications for disabled adaptations must be referred by Occupational Therapist.

Response

Response within 5 days but if applying for a grant this can take 4-6 weeks.

Contact details

Care and Repair South Gloucestershire

Eli Bull or Chloe Scholefield
96 The High Street
Staple Hill
Bristol
BS16 5HL

Phone: 0117 9042 277

Fax: 0117 9042 278

Chloe.scholefield@hanover.org.uk

Care and Repair North Somerset

Caroline Hamblett, Heidi Donkin or
Andrew Harrold,
21 Somerset Square
Nailsea
Bristol
BS48 1RQ

Tel: 01275 858518

Fax: 01275 858559

www.hanover.org.uk

The Dolphin Society

People helped

Anyone living alone and needing help to live independently. Priority is given to the elderly and/or disabled. Older couples are also helped.

Type of help

Provides pendant alarms with 24 hour monitoring, free and on loan for as long as needed. Will also pay for the installation of a phone line. Will provide, where the need is proven, various items of equipment designed to help elderly or disabled people to live securely and independently e.g. Easy5 mobile phones; stair lifts and mobility equipment; security items such as locks, lights, door entries and smoke alarms.

Giving in 2007/08

£100,000

Restrictions

Does not help anyone outside Bristol.

How to apply

Anyone can apply direct, or through a friend, relative, social worker, health visitor etc. Write or phone to request an application form.

Response

Applications are dealt with as quickly as possible.

Contact details

Maureen Nicholls
Bristol Benevolent Institution
45 High Street
Nailsea
BS48 1AW

Phone: 01275 810365

Maureen.nicholls@btinternet.com
www.dolphin-society.org.uk

Elizabeth Finn Care

People helped

British and Irish people over 18 living on low income or means tested benefit. May formally have been employed in wide range of qualifying occupations e.g. nurses, teachers, artists, secretaries who are in financial difficulty.

Type of help

- One-off gifts (from £20 to £2,000) to pay for household and disability-related equipment;
- Ongoing financial assistance;
- Emergency fund (for existing beneficiaries).
- Care home fee top up.
- Transport needs.

Giving in 2007/08

£2.8 million

Restrictions

Do not help with funeral expenses, education costs, private medicine, bankruptcy fees, computers (unless computer is for a disabled person when may help).

How to apply

Phone Elizabeth Finn Care on 0207 396 6700 for an application form.

Response

Usually within 6-8 weeks but can fast track urgent cases. An increase in number of applications can lead to delays.

Contact details

Angela Bailey/Dawn Jackson
Elizabeth Finn Care
1 Derry Street
London
W8 5HY

Phone: 0207 396 6725

Fax: 0207 396 6739

angela.bailey@elizabethfinn.org.uk

dawn.jackson@elizabethfinn.org.uk

www.elizabethfinn.org.uk

The Gloucestershire Society

Aims

Supports young people in Gloucestershire.

People helped

Younger people, usually under 25, who live in Gloucestershire, often single parents and their children.

Type of help

Small grants (average £100) to help buy:

- clothes, bedding, cots etc. for children;
- college fees;
- urgent household items.

Giving in 2007/08

No details provided.

Restrictions

Do not help elderly. Applicants must be in the old county of Bristol/Glous.

How to apply

Can write in directly or via another agency.

Response

Cheque issued immediately – no delay.

Contact details

Mrs J Moody
The Gloucestershire Society
17 St Augustines Parade
Bristol
BS1 4UL

Phone: 0117 929 1929

Fax: 0117 929 1929

g-s.moody@btconnect.com

The Grateful Society

Aims

Supports older women.

People helped

Women over the age of 55 who wish to lead an independent life but are experiencing financial difficulties in doing so. Applicant must have been resident in the old Avon area for a minimum of 10 years.

Type of help

Annuities and emergency gifts.

Giving in 2007/08

No details provided.

Restrictions

Outside the area of Bristol or age limit.

How to apply

Applicants are usually referred through another agencies i.e. Age Concern, Social Services. Will accept direct applications

Response

All applicants are visited by an assessor. The whole process from referral to approval normally takes 4 to 6 weeks.

Contact details

Mrs J Moody
The Grateful Society
17 St Augustines Parade
Bristol
BS1 4UL

Phone: 0117 929 1929

Fax: 0117 929 1929

g-s.moody@btconnect.com
www.gratefulsociety.org/contact.php

Independent Age

Aims

Supports older and disabled people.

People helped

Older people (over 70) on low income who have significantly and substantially contributed to society through community work.

Type of help

Those whose income is inadequate are awarded a small additional regular income, supplemented by grants for emergencies known as 'regular beneficiaries'.

Giving in 2007/08

Information not given.

Restrictions

Does not help with debts.

How to apply

Accepts self-referrals. Applicants will be asked to complete a form.

Response

Respond within 2 months.

Contact details

Sarah Disney
59 Tyle Teg
Burry Port
Dyfed

Phone: 01554 834 912

sarah.disney@independentage.org.uk
www.independentage.org.uk

Multiple Sclerosis Society

Note: this information was not updated by this charity in 2008.

We advise you check with the charity before applying to them for help.

Aims

Supports people with Multiple Sclerosis.

People helped

People with Multiple Sclerosis.
(You do not have to be a member of the MS Society).

Type of help

Grants of £500 - £2,000 towards:

- equipment;
- minor adaptations;
- respite care;
- holidays.

Giving in 2006

Grants worth £6,300.

Restrictions

Cannot guarantee helping with the full amount needed.

Does not help if you have received a grant from the MS Society in the past 3 years.

How to apply

Via Branch Helpline: 0800 085 6233

You will need to complete an application form.

Response

Response can be anything from 2 weeks onwards, depending on any further information needed

Contact details

Multiple Sclerosis Society
(Bristol Branch)
MS Information Centre
Level 2
Bristol General Hospital
Guinea Street
Bristol BS1 6SY

Phone: 0117 928 6380
(Mondays 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Branch Helpline: 0800 085 6233
www.mssociety.org.uk/bristol

Peter Herve Benevolent Institution

Aims

Supports older people.

People helped

Ladies and men aged over 60 years on a low income who live in the Bristol area.

Type of help

1. annuities to people who live in their own homes;
2. emergency gifts for special items e.g. repairs to the home, urgent household items.

Giving in 2007/08

No details provided.

Restrictions

Does not help people living outside the area or age limit.

How to apply

Applications should be made in writing. They can be made directly or through an agency e.g. social services, Care & Repair.

Response

A member of the Committee arranges to visit the applicant. All applicants will be considered by the Committee.

Contact details

Mrs J Moody
The Peter Herve Benevolent
Institution
17 St Augustine's Parade
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BS1 4UL

Phone: 0117 929 1929

Fax: 0117 929 1929

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The Redcliffe Parish Charity

Aims

Helps individuals and families who can usually manage but who are overwhelmed by circumstances and are in financial distress.

People helped

Poor and needy living within the boundary of the city of Bristol, particularly children, elderly people and families.

Type of help

One-off grants of around £35-£50. Typically helps with cooker repairs, items for new baby, children's school trips and after burglary and fires. Assistance also given towards equipment for disabled.

Giving in 2007/08

Grants worth £6,668.

Restrictions

Do not help with bankruptcy fees, council tax debts, rent arrears or credit debts.

How to apply

Applications should be made by letter to the 'Clerk to the Trustees' through a third party who can vouch for the applicant (e.g. Social Worker, Health Visitor or similar) giving details of name and address, income and expenditure and domestic

circumstance and the nature of the need.

Response

Trustees meet monthly to consider all applications.

Contact details

Mrs Margaret Jardine
(Clerk to the Trustees)
'Jowayne'
Hobbs wall
Farmborough
Bath BA2 0BJ

Phone: 01761 471 713

geomarjar@aol.com

The Royal British Legion

Aims

Welfare, social and financial support to ex-service men and women and their families.

People helped

Serving and ex-serving men and women and their dependants, wives, husbands and partners.

Type of help

Social, financial and welfare support.

Giving in 2007/08

£800,000 (in Somerset)

Restrictions

Do not help with private medical treatment, legal costs or top up fees.

How to apply

Through the local branch network, direct to the county office or through the website.

Response

An immediate response.

Contact details

Major David Lowe
The Royal British legion
Suite E, Crypton House
Bristol Road
Bridgwater TA6 4SY

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Fax: 01278 446 711

d.lowe@britishlegion.org.uk
www.britishlegion.org.uk

St Monica Trust Community Fund

Aims

To ease financial pressure on and improve the daily lives of physically disabled people.

People helped

People over the age of 16, who:

1. Have a physical or sensory impairment or long term physical health problem and
2. Live in Bristol or the surrounding counties, and
3. Have a low income and limited savings.

Type of help

Gifts (help to buy a specific item) and short term grants (£25 per week for up to 3 years).

Giving in 2007

Total giving £573,809

Restrictions

Do not help with bankruptcy fees, holidays, funeral expenses, care home fees, respite care, gardening and decorating labour costs.

How to apply

Phone, fax, email or write for an application form or download one from the website.

Response

Respond within 2 weeks. May arrange a visit (with an interpreter if needed).

Contact details

Community Fund
St Monica Trust
Cote Lane
Bristol
BS9 3UN

Phone: 0117 949 4003

Fax: 0117 949 4058

community.fund@stmonicastrust.org.uk

www.communityfund.stmonicastrust.org.uk

Charity of Thomas Beames

Note: this information was not updated by this charity in 2008.
We advise you check with the charity before applying to them for help.

People helped

Those who have their home in the former parish of St George with St Augustine, Bristol or the parishes of Christchurch with St George, St Stephen with St James or St John the Baptist with St Michael, Bristol.

In exceptional cases, the trustees can help people who live outside this area and who produce sufficient good reason why they should be treated as being resident within the parish.

Type of help

A small annual income is available for the relief of persons who are in a condition of need, hardship or distress.

Giving in 2005/06

No details provided.

Restrictions

Trustees may not apply the income in relief of rates, taxes or other public funds.

How to apply

Put request in writing.

Response

No details provided.

Contact details

Clerk to the Trustees
The Rector's Room
St Stephen's Street
Bristol
BS1 1EQ

Unity Fund for the Elderly

People helped

Elderly people (over 60).
Prefers to help people in Bristol and South Gloucestershire region.

Type of help

One off grants of up to £250 for furniture, household appliances, telephone installation, small repairs and medical items.

Giving in 2007

£20,194.

Restrictions

Does not help with care home fees.

How to apply

Write a simple letter with name, address and age of applicant and explaining the need for a grant. All applications must be made through a social worker, occupational therapist or similar.

Response

Small grants can be made quite quickly usually within 1 or 2 weeks. In an emergency, the response could be immediate.

Contact details

Mr D. H. T. Rowcliffe
Unity Fund for the Elderly
5 Bishop Road
Emersons Green
Bristol BS16 7ET

Phone: 0117 956 1289

Note

Most of the charity's income is distributed to organisations that help individuals rather than individuals themselves. Unity Fund for the Elderly does still help some individuals in need.

Wraxall Parochial Charities

People helped

Residents of the villages of Wraxall and Failand. Older people, disabled people and families.

Type of help

Provision of a mini-bus which operates on a Thursday between Failand, Wraxall and Nailsea. Families and young people with education costs. Christmas vouchers.

Giving in 2007/08

Information not given.

Restrictions

Do not help people outside the Parish.

How to apply

By writing to the Clerk or approaching individual Trustees. Christmas vouchers are by application forms.

Response

Trustees make decisions quarterly though they can respond more quickly if necessary.

Contact details

Mrs A Sissons
Clerk to the Trustees
2 Short Way
Failand
Bristol BS8 3UF

Phone: 01275 392 691

Fax: 01275 392 691

Other sources of help

Charity Search

25 Portview Road
Avonmouth
Bristol BS11 9LD
Phone: 0117 982 4060
Fax: 0117 982 7070
charitysearch@btconnect.com

Charity Search is an advice service for older people in need. It advises people of appropriate charities and how to approach them.

SSAFA Forces Help

HMS Flying Fox
Winterstoke Road
Bristol BS3 2NS
Phone: 0117 963 8086

SSAFA helps men and women serving, or who have served at any time in the Armed Forces of the Crown and their families and dependents, including widows and widowers. SSAFA helps people to claim benefits, apply for grants and access support.

Association of Charity Officers

Phone: 01707 651 777

The ACO Helpline can advise on national charities which offer grants to individuals.

www.joblinks.org.uk

A searchable database of benevolent funds which offer grants to people who work, or have worked, in certain trades or professions e.g. nurses, hairdressers, electricians.

Directory of Social Change

www.dsc.org.uk
Phone: 08450 777 707

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