



## Individual Hardship Funds

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### **ABTA Lifeline**

Support for current or former members of ABTA (or their families). Support includes emergency food voucher and access to financial and mental health support. More information [here](#)

### **Ambulance Staff Charity**

Support for those who are working or have worked in an NHS or private ambulance service for at least 12 months struggling with their physical, mental or financial wellbeing. Applications also considered from dependents or student paramedics. More information [here](#)

### **Artists' General Benevolent Fund**

Support for professional artists and their dependents who are unable to work due to accident, illness or older age. More information [here](#)

### **Author's Contingency Fund**

Contingency funding for writers, illustrators, journalists etc. Grants of up to £2,000 are available. Some professional or geographical restrictions may apply as the funding for the grant has come from a variety of sources. More information [here](#)

### **BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials**

Support delivered via the Family Fund. Registered referrers can apply on behalf of children or families, for grants to support a child's most basic needs, such as a bed to sleep on or a hot meal. More information [here](#)

### **Big Change**

Available for any individual experiencing homelessness. If you are sleeping rough and want to apply for funds to help you get off the street, get in touch with one of their partner organisations who will work with you to apply for funds on your behalf. More information [here](#)

### **Book Trade Charity**



Welfare grants for people who are working or have worked in the book trade for more than one year. More information [here](#)

### **British Gas Energy Trust**

Grants to help with energy bill arrears – not just British Gas arrears. More information [here](#)

### **Buttle UK – Chances for children**

Grants of up to £2,000 for children and young people that have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on their social and emotional wellbeing and educational engagement. Help for children to access education, essential IT or household items for example. Applications from support workers. More information [here](#)

### **Cavell Nurses Trust**

Supports nurses, midwives and healthcare assistants. Fund can help with short term financial emergencies, essential white goods, rent deposits and removal costs amongst other things. More information [here](#)

### **COSARAF Hardship Grants**

Grants of up to £2,000 available for financial excluded individuals. Applications only accepted from charities, housing associations or schools acting on behalf of the family. Decisions within 8 weeks. More information [here](#)

### **Family Fund**

Help for families with disabled children. If your child is under 17 and has a high level of additional support needs arising from a long term disability or disabling condition OR a serious or life-limiting illness you may be eligible to apply. More information [here](#)

### **Fashion and Textile Children's Trust**

Support for parents or carers who have worked in the fashion or textile industry for at least one year and who are struggling financially. Support is for items for children not general household bills. More information [here](#)

### **Furniture Makers' Company**

Welfare support for those with at least two years' service in the furniture industry, including self-employed. More information [here](#)



### **Grocery Aid**

Support to current or former workers in the grocery or food wholesale sectors. One-off hardship grants. More information [here](#)

### **Just Finance Foundation**

Useful information and resources on a range of financial support for individuals. More information [here](#)

### **Licence Trade Charity**

Practical advice, emotional and financial support and short-term hardship grants for licensed tradespeople. More information [here](#)

### **Make A Difference Trust**

Small pockets of financial assistance to those in theatre who have previously supported MAD initiatives, who are now experiencing unexpected financial hardship due to theatre closures. More information [here](#)

### **Manchester Carers**

Manchester City Council have established an emergency fund for unpaid carers in the city. It can be used for a range of costs including transport, furniture or food, and for the benefit of either the carer or the person cared for. Cash grants of £30 - £60 are available, plus support with goods or fuel bills. More information [here](#)

### **Manchester City Council – benefits and money**

Details of the schemes Manchester City Council has available for individuals – including Council Tax Support; free school meals; free childcare; help for the self-employed and much more. More information [here](#)

### **Manchester Relief in Need**

Three grant programmes. Applications can only be submitted on behalf of a person OR a family in need, by a health, social care, charity professional or support worker. The organisation making an application must be directly working with each individual or family that they make an application on behalf of. The maximum value of a grant is generally no more than £500. Applications should be submitted before the 15th of the month. More information [here](#)



### **Musicians Union**

Hardship funds up to £200 to support members of the MU. More information [here](#)

### **National Zakat Foundation**

Support for Muslims living in the UK. Includes hardship relief; housing help; work and education. More information [here](#)

### **Rainy Day Trust**

For those that have worked in the home improvement industry for at least 12 months and are on a comparatively low income. More information [here](#)

### **Retail Trust Financial Aid**

Grants are available to retail workers and those in associated trades who are in need of financial assistance. More information [here](#)

### **Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain**

General relief fund for those working across the music profession whose lives have been affected by accident or illness. More information [here](#)

### **Smallwood Trust – Women’s Resilience Fund**

Grants and support are available for women on low incomes who have specific needs and are struggling to make ends meet or trying to overcome financial problems. Applicants must be in receipt of all eligible benefits to which you are entitled before making an application. More information [here](#)

### **Teaching Staff Trust**

Financial support for individuals in education, including teachers, teaching assistants, nursery workers, caretakers and lunch supervisors for bills, household costs, travel or other essentials if you have worked in the education sector for at least five years. More information [here](#)

### **Thomas Wall Trust**

Support for adults living in the UK to undertake education and training that will increase their chances of employment. More information [here](#)

### **Turn2us**

Government benefits calculator, more information [here](#)



### **Unison Financial Assistance**

Support for Unison members experiencing financial difficulties, whether due to coronavirus or other circumstances. More information [here](#)