

ST JOHN'S FOUNDATION INDIVIDUAL FUNDING PROGRAMME 2019

St John's Individual Funding Programme supports individuals and families who find themselves facing exceptionally difficult circumstances.

The programme provides funding for a wide range of items that meet the most essential needs, such as beds, white goods, furniture, carpets, counselling and basic employment skills and training. We can also contribute towards certain debts if the aim is to enable the applicant to get back into a position where they can regain control of their circumstances and move forward with confidence.

All applications must be made by a registered professional referrer.

How we can help

We can fund the purchase of essential items such as:

- Electric cookers, washing machines and fridge freezers
- Beds and essential furniture
- Kitchen equipment and small appliances
- Carpets
- Clothing vouchers
- Utility arrears
- Rent and Council Tax arrears
- Removal costs
- Funeral costs
- Bankruptcy application fees / Debt Relief Order fees
- Counselling and Mentoring
- Educational courses leading to employment

Funding for other items and services can be made at the discretion of the Funding and Impact Officer within our eligibility guidelines.

What we can't fund

- Applicants who have already received 3 awards from us in the last 3 years
- Repeat applications for the same item
- Loans
- Fines (including Magistrate Court fines)
- Deposits or Rent in Advance
- Residents of St John's Almshouses
- Retrospective funding (any item or cost which has been spent prior to approval by the Funding and Impact Officer)
- Gap Year Projects
- Gifts
- Holidays (we may consider funding trips for children which enrich learning opportunities)
- Legal Aid

How much we can award

Single person	£850
Single person with children	£850 plus £150 per child*
Couple	£950
Couple with children	£950 plus £150 per child*

*£150 per child will be allowed up to a total of £1,500 to include the adult allowance.

We advise that it is not in the client's interest to use all their allowance at once, as they may have need of our help in the future.

Supporting evidence

Our awards for families and individuals are means-tested, so we need to see evidence of their income and expenditure. This can be in the form of one or more of the following documents:

- Universal Credit screen shots
- Bank and benefits statements

If we are to pay utilities arrears, rent arrears or any other bill we will need to see:

- Copies of bills (e.g. Council Tax or utilities)
- Rent statements

How to apply

Applications must be completed by a registered professional referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or individual and capable of assessing their needs.

Please visit <https://stjohns.force.com/sjbcommunitieslogin> to register as a user of our funding portal. Once your registration is complete, you will be able to login and access our guidance notes for applicants document, which takes you step by step through the application form and describes our eligibility criteria.

If you would like to talk to a member of our team about your organisation, the work you do or any aspect of our Funding Programme, please contact Mandy Majendie, Funding and Impact Officer, by email at mandy.majendie@stjohnsbath.org.uk or by telephone on 01225 486452.