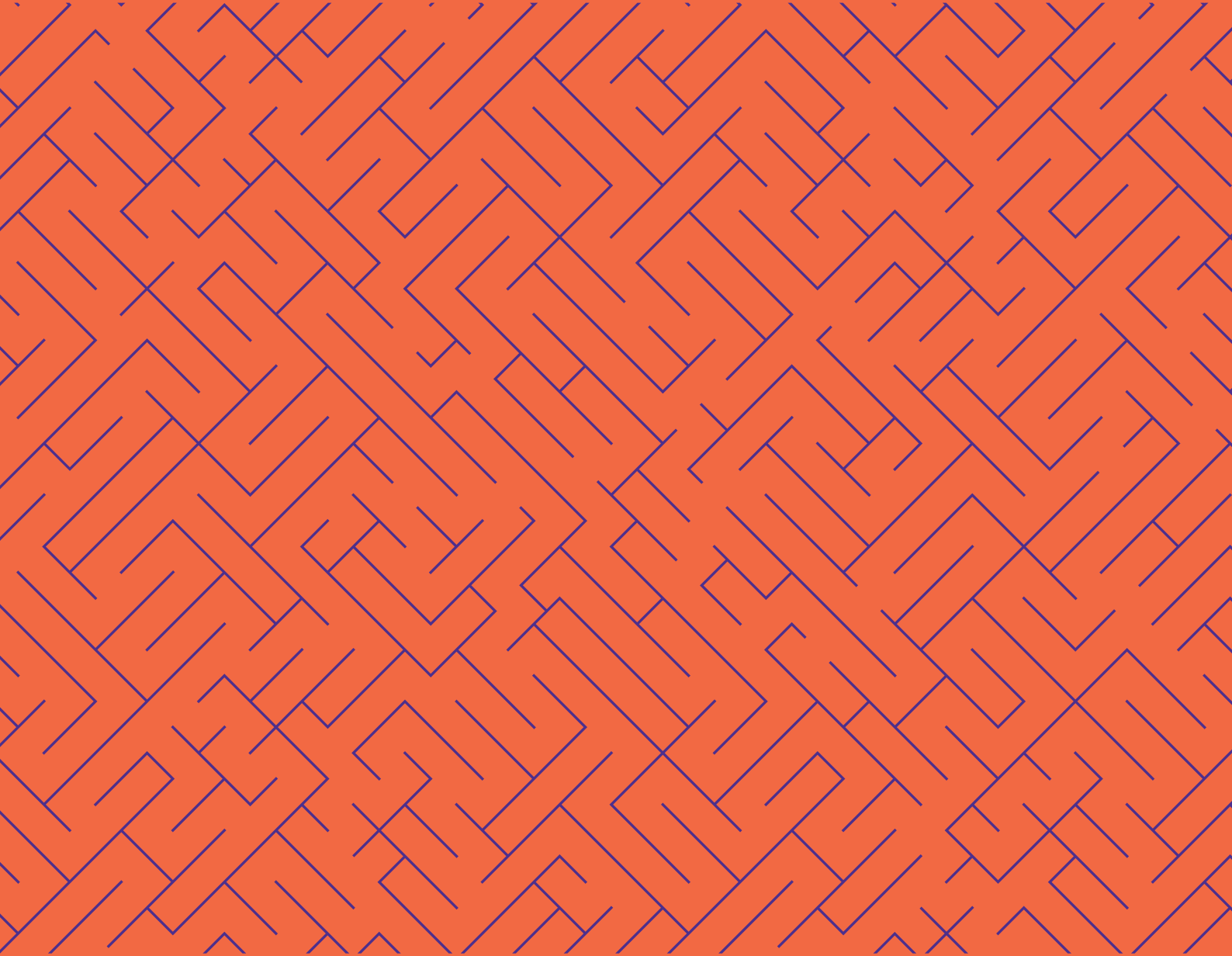


# Grants, benefits and financial help



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If you have experienced economic abuse, you may be struggling to make ends meet and need some financial help.

There are charities and organisations that can support you with money and debt information and advice. There are also many organisations that support people in financial difficulty with grants to help with day-to-day expenses.

## What grants are available?

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**"It's a life-altering situation with no way to rebuild, recover, heal. What to do when there is nowhere to turn to?"**

The full list of funds available can be searched on the Turn2us website at [grants-search.turn2us.org.uk](https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk). Some of the funds available to women who have experienced domestic abuse include:

### Buttle UK

**W** [www.buttle.org](http://www.buttle.org)

Offers grants to support children and young people whose families have experienced domestic abuse. Grants can help with household needs, such as: furniture; clothing or school uniform; toys and baby equipment; help with moving costs. Grants can also fund activities to support emotional and social needs, including therapy and after school clubs, as well as educational needs including books, laptops, tutoring and travel costs.

### For You, By You

**W** [www.foryoubyyou.org.uk/our-services/financial-assistance](http://www.foryoubyyou.org.uk/our-services/financial-assistance)

Can provide financial assistance for current and former civil servants in financial difficulty. Help can be provided for household bills, equipment, and travel costs. May also be able to help with clearing priority debts, such as rent or council tax arrears. You may need to show a bank statement, a recent payslip or pension letter, a breakdown of income and expenditure, and copies of household bills.

### Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation

**W** <https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/grant/heinz-anna-and-carol-kroch-foundation-14687>

Provides financial support for people in financial hardship who have recently experienced domestic violence, are homeless or have ongoing medical problems. Applications must be submitted by a recognised agency, such as a social worker, local authority, or a charity such as Citizens Advice.

### Skinner's Benevolent Trust

**W** [www.skinner.org.uk/grants-and-trusts/skinner-benevolent-trust/](http://www.skinner.org.uk/grants-and-trusts/skinner-benevolent-trust/)

The Skinner's Benevolent Trust provides grants of up to £250 for people living in parts of London and Kent who are on a low income or have experienced domestic violence. Grants are awarded to help with the cost of essential household items, such as white goods. Applications must be submitted by an agency, such as a charity that is supporting you, a social worker, or a housing agency.

### Smallwood Trust

**W** [www.smallwoodtrust.org.uk](http://www.smallwoodtrust.org.uk)

Provides small grants to help women on a low income overcome financial difficulty and to improve their social and emotional well-being. To be eligible for help, you must have applied for all benefits that you are entitled to before making an application. The fund supports women who live alone or only with dependent children and have less than £5,000 in savings. You will be asked to

provide evidence of your financial need. The Smallwood Trust cannot provide grants for people with more than £16,000 in debt, or people who are currently insolvent (through bankruptcy, a Debt Relief Order or an Individual Voluntary Arrangement). They cannot provide support for bankruptcy fees.

### St Andrew's Society for Ladies in Need

**W** [www.standrewssociety.btck.co.uk](http://www.standrewssociety.btck.co.uk)

Provides grants to women with a good standard of education who are retired or unable to work and live alone. Gives priority to women who are trying to maintain their own home. One-off, special grants can be provided to help with expenses including heating, the cost of moving house, and replacing household appliances.

### Turn2us Elizabeth Finn Fund

**W** [www.turn2us.org.uk/Get-support/Turn2us-Funds/Turn2us-Elizabeth-Finn-Fund](http://www.turn2us.org.uk/Get-support/Turn2us-Funds/Turn2us-Elizabeth-Finn-Fund)

Grants are available for people in financial difficulty who have or had a job in one of 120 different professions. People whose partners worked in these fields may also be eligible.

To be eligible for help from the Elizabeth Finn Fund, you must also:

- have less than £4,000 in savings
- be on a low income and in receipt of (or have applied for) the benefits you are entitled to
- have British or Irish nationality, or live in the UK or Ireland for at least half the year.

The list of occupations supported is on the website. You may need to provide evidence of your role with your application.

### Turn2us Response Fund

**W** [www.turn2us.org.uk/Get-support/Turn2us-Funds/Turn2us-Response-Fund](http://www.turn2us.org.uk/Get-support/Turn2us-Funds/Turn2us-Response-Fund)

Supports people in financial hardship due to a life-changing event, including domestic

abuse. Grants are provided for specific needs to help maintain normal daily living if a life-changing event took place in the last 12 months. Other life-changing events include:

- beginning to live with a disability
- ill-health or injury
- a recent diagnosis of poor physical or mental wellbeing
- relationship breakdown; a reduction in working hours due to ill-health or an accident
- unsafe, insecure or inappropriate housing arrangements.

Applications to the Response Fund can only be made through partner organisations listed on the website, including Family Fund, Shelter and Refuge.

## How to apply

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The process for applying will vary for each fund. See the website listed for details of how to apply for each grant. In some cases, applications need to be made through a support worker or charity.

Eligibility criteria varies, and may depend on your income, savings, housing situation, or whether you have dependent children.

## Benefits

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To find out about the financial support and benefits available for people who have experienced domestic abuse, see [www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-violence-and-abuse-help-from-dwp](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-violence-and-abuse-help-from-dwp).

This includes information on special conditions for:

- Housing Benefit
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance

- Universal Credit
- the benefit cap
- removal of the spare room subsidy
- Discretionary Housing Payments
- migrant partner support
- child maintenance.

Turn2us has a benefits calculator that you may find useful at [benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk](https://turn2us.org.uk/benefits-calculator).

## Further support

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If you are experiencing economic abuse, you are not alone. We have more information that can support you to take steps towards safety and begin to regain control of your finances.

Visit [www.survivingeconomicabuse.org/resources](https://www.survivingeconomicabuse.org/resources) for information including:

- Organisations that can help you, including organisations that can help with money and debt advice
- Steps you can take towards economic safety
- How banks can help

Surviving Economic Abuse (SEA) is the only UK charity dedicated to raising awareness of economic abuse and transforming responses to it. We are determined that women are supported not only to survive, but thrive.

## **For more information**

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