

THE PRISONER FUNDER Directory 2013



A guide for prisoners and ex-offenders
seeking funding support for personal
development and resettlement purposes

**Financial
Support
Given Through
the Prison
Service for
Resettlement
Purposes**

FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN THROUGH THE PRISON SERVICES FOR RESETTLEMENT PURPOSES

Travel Warrants

If you have not made arrangements to be collected by family or friends, the prison may issue you with a travel warrant on the day of your release. A travel warrant is a kind of voucher or promise to pay for travel from, for example, the station nearest to your prison to the station nearest to your home. The prison may also provide transport from the establishment to the nearest station, if you have difficulty (e.g. a disability) in getting to the nearest station.

Discharge Grant - England, Wales and Scotland

Provided you are aged 18 or over and serving a custodial sentence and in custody for more than 14 days, you may be eligible for a discharge grant. This money is meant to help pay for necessary living expenses in the period immediately after release and, if you are unemployed, before you receive the first benefit payment. A relatively small number of prisoners will have accrued any significant savings whilst in prison and were it not for the discharge grant many would leave prison with little or no money. In practice, the sum, though certainly helpful, is rarely adequate to cover this period. See social fund loans and grants in Section 3 of this directory to find out what other funding may be available. See also Section 4.

Discharge Grant – Northern Ireland

A discharge grant is paid in order to ensure that a prisoner or inmate will have sufficient money on release for his immediate needs.

You may be eligible for a grant if you are serving a sentence of over 14 days. Grants are not paid to civil prisoners, those imprisoned on default of a fine, those awaiting deportation or those travelling to an address outside the United Kingdom on discharge.

If you had a home to go to during periods of pre-release, Christmas or summer leave, only in exceptional circumstances will you qualify for an increased grant on discharge to assist you to pay for rented accommodation in the week following release.

Rate of Discharge Grant for those in prisons in England or Wales.

Standard Grant

£46

Rates of Discharge Grant for those in prisons in Northern Ireland***Standard Grant***

£71.00 – all eligible prisoners

Higher Grant

£143.33

Rates of Discharge Grant for those in prisons in Scotland***Standard Grant***

£70.67 – 25 and over

£56.45 – under 25

Higher Grant

£143.89

Discretionary Accommodation Grant - England and Wales

It is to be hoped that a prisoner upon release will have suitable accommodation already arranged. If it can be established that you will be leaving with no fixed address (NFA) you can apply for a grant that will help towards the cost of accommodation on release. Forms will be issued to you to complete before your release. The grant is provided at the Governor's discretion and is always paid directly to the housing provider. It can be up to £50 in value. It cannot be paid to a friend or relative. See also the entries for 'Crisis SmartMove' in the directory for other help that may be available through rent deposit schemes.

Provision of Clothing from the Prison Clothing Store

There may be various reasons why prisoners do not have suitable clothing for release. For example, the prisoner may have entered prison in the summer wearing light clothing and be released during a particularly cold part of the winter. Alternatively, over the period spent in prison, the prisoner may have gained or lost weight such that his or her original clothing no longer fits. Some prisons in England and Wales will have, generally in Reception, a clothing store and if you find that you do not have suitable clothing for release, you can apply to this store.

In Scotland, the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2011 provide that at the time of a prisoner's release, the Governor must provide suitable clothing to meet the prisoners immediate needs if the prisoner has insufficient clothing.

Statutory Funding Schemes

THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSAL CREDIT AND CHANGES TO THE SOCIAL FUND

Universal Credit Regulations are due to be debated in Parliament in December 2012.

Universal Credit is a new single payment for people who are looking for work or on a low income.

The two main aims of Universal Credit are:

- to help claimants and their families to become more independent and
- to simplify the benefits system by bringing together a range of working-age benefits into a single streamlined payment.

End of the Social Fund. The current Social Fund arrangements will alter radically in April 2013. The Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) will no longer administer the Crisis Loans or Community Care Grants. These funds are to be replaced with what is known as **Local Welfare Assistance**; with the responsibility for administering schemes resting with local councils except in Scotland & Wales where responsibility will rest with the devolved administration.

Each council will make its own arrangement; they will receive a budget although how they administer this is up to them. Most local authorities appear to be retaining a local version of grants for subsistence items supported by referrals to food banks, donations of second hand furniture from charities and food vouchers at supermarkets. It does however look like the current Crisis Loan arrangements will not be maintained.

Budgeting Loans. People will still be able to apply for Budgeting Loans however the client must have been claiming Housing Benefit/Local Housing Allowance for a minimum of six months to qualify for the loan. It isn't as yet clear if Budgeting Loans will continue following the introduction of the Universal Credit system.

The Introduction of Universal Credit is due to take place in October 2013. All monthly Universal Credit payments will be paid one month in arrears.

New claimants of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) will be the first to go onto the system and everyone else who is eligible and who is seeking an allowance, grant or loan that is a part of the Universal Credit system will be transferred onto the new benefit system by 2017.

Organisation	DWP - JOBCENTRE PLUS
Name of grant/loan	Budgeting Loan
Who can apply	‘You may be eligible, if you are getting any of the following: income support, income based jobseeker’s allowance, pension credit, payment on account of one of these benefits or entitlements for at least 26 weeks.’
What can be funded	A budget loan may help pay for furniture or household items, clothing or footwear, rent in advance or removal expenses (to secure new accommodation), improvements, maintenance or security for your home, travel expenses, expenses associated with looking for or starting work (including childcare costs) and repaying hire purchase (HP) or other debts that have been taken out to pay for any of the above. How much you will get is based on your personal circumstances. The minimum loan is £100; the maximum loan including any crisis loan debt is £1,500. For more information speak to a jobcentre plus advisor.
How to apply	For the budgeting loan application form, contact your local Jobcentre Plus.
Key dates	May be applied for at any time.
Notes	‘The aim of the Budgeting Loan scheme is to enable as many people as possible, who are most likely to need help with budgeting for intermittent expenses, to have access to interest free credit.’ Information in quotations taken from Grants and Loans from the Social Fund, produced by Jobcentre Plus.
Who to apply to	Jobcentre Plus via your local Jobcentre Plus office.

<i>Organisation</i>	DWP - JOBCENTRE PLUS
<i>Name of grant/loan</i>	Community Care Grant
<i>Who can apply</i>	Offenders and ex-offenders who have not previously applied for this grant within the past 26 weeks who meet the criteria set out on form SF300. For those serving prison sentences, the grant can be applied for during the last six weeks prior to release if you will be on income support or income based Job Seekers Allowance on release.
<i>What can be funded</i>	Grants contribute towards the cost of a wide variety of things, including clothing and basic household items.
<i>What is not funded</i>	Any need which occurs outside the United Kingdom, educational or training needs, housing repairs, medical items, debts to government departments. For the complete list see form SF300.
<i>How to apply</i>	Complete form SF300 (obtainable from Jobcentre Plus office and website) and take it or send it to your Jobcentre Plus office.
<i>Notes</i>	It is possible to appeal, if applicant feels that the decision is unfair.
<i>Who to apply to</i>	Jobcentre Plus via your local Jobcentre Plus office.

Organisation	DWP - JOBCENTRE PLUS
Name of grant/loan	Crisis Loan
Who can apply	Available to anyone aged 16 or over with little or no savings.
What can be funded	Small interest free loans (no legal minimum amount – up to a maximum of £1,500) to cover an emergency or if you have little or no money and are waiting for your benefit to arrive. A crisis loan can be used if you need help paying rent in advance, if you are moving out of institutional accommodation such as prison and have been awarded a community care grant.
How to apply	Contact a Jobcentre Plus office. If you are away from home you can contact the office nearest to wherever you happen to be.
Key dates	May be applied for any time.
Notes	Applicants should get the decision regarding the crisis loan on the same day as the application was made. The form is available from the Jobcentre Plus office. Crisis loans must be paid back. The repayments are taken in small amounts from subsequent benefit payments.
Who to apply to	You can find the phone number and address on the advert in the business numbers section of the phone book. Look under Jobcentre Plus or Social Security.

<i>Organisation</i>	DWP - JOBCENTRE PLUS
<i>Name of grant/loan</i>	Flexible Support Fund
<i>Who can apply</i>	Customers of Jobcentre Plus.
<i>What can be funded</i>	A grant or a series of grants that in total does not exceed £100. This grant can be for anything that helps remove barriers to work and improves an individual's chances to gain work and/or keep employment. Examples of such awards include clothing and footwear for attendance at interviews in order to gain employment, clothing and travel expenses to attend a place of work.
<i>How to apply</i>	Simply ask your Jobcentre Plus Advisor if it would be possible to be considered for this grant and be ready to outline your proposal.
<i>Key dates</i>	This grant may be applied for any time.
<i>Notes</i>	Whether to award or not is at the sole discretion of the individual's Change to Jobcentre Plus Advisor.
<i>Who to apply to</i>	You can find the phone number and address on the advert in the business numbers section of the phone book. Look under Jobcentre Plus or Social Security.

Organisation	YOUNG PEOPLES LEARNING AGENCY (YPLA)/TWO HIGH STREET BANKS
Name of grant/loan	Professional and Career Development Loan
Website Address	www.direct.gov.uk
Who can apply	Anyone over the age of 18 with a home address and an unlimited right to remain in the UK, who is unable to pay for a course themselves, who has an active bank account and an acceptable credit rating. (For further information on those who are eligible or ineligible to apply, ring the National Careers Service (telephone number listed below) and speak to an advisor.
What can be funded	A loan from £300-£10,000 to cover the costs of vocational course fees, other course costs and living expenses.
What is not funded	Any course not on the approved list. (For detailed information on what is not funded, ring the National Careers Service and speak to a advisor).
How to apply	Ring National Careers Service. If eligible ask for an application pack.
Notes	A Professional and Career Development Loan is a deferred repayment bank loan which can help you gain the experience, training and qualifications you need to improve your job skills or even launch a new career. It is available through two High Street banks: Barclays, and the Co-operative Bank. You do not need to be an existing account holder, but the bank may require you to open an account with them. The YPLA pays the interest on your loan whilst you are learning and up to one month afterwards. This period is called the 'repayment holiday'. You then repay the loan to the bank over an agreed period at a fixed rate of interest.
Who to apply to	YPLA
Phone	National Careers Service, on 0800 100900. The helpline is open to receive calls 8am - 10pm, seven days a week.

Non- Statutory Funding Schemes

United Kingdom

Scotland

England and Wales

**England and Wales – Regional
and Local**

HOW TO SELECT AND APPROACH NON-STATUTORY SECTOR FUNDERS

Do not leave your application to the last minute – give yourself plenty of time especially if the course, equipment and materials are expensive. Finding funds at short notice is extremely difficult and almost impossible. Some funders have a rolling grant-making programme and, provided you make a satisfactory application, you will receive a decision within a few weeks. It is possible however for decisions to take anything up to nine months.

Start by reading the **‘who can apply’** and **‘what can be funded’** part of each entry. If you don’t meet the criteria move on to another funder and you will not have wasted anyone’s time. If you do meet the criteria, then look at the **‘how to apply’** and **‘who to apply to’** part of your chosen funder’s guidance notes. By doing so, you will be better able to answer any questions they might ask and to write a good letter or complete the form correctly.

You may also have to provide the funding organisation with additional information in the form of a letter or supporting documentation. These may have to come from a specific person (Head of Learning and Skills, discipline officer, tutor, future employer, etc). It is important that you ensure this paperwork is sent with your application and also that the application form is completed fully, as not doing so may result in your application being rejected or delayed. It is always a good tip to have someone check your paperwork, just to be on the safe side.

Do keep a copy of the completed form for future reference and to give yourself the best chance of success. You may be asked to provide further information by letter or, during an interview, to expand your proposal.

If your request is successful it is likely you will find conditions attached. For example: you may be granted £400 but may have asked for £700; the special condition will be that you find the difference of £300. You will need to provide evidence that you have found this money and probably where it has come from. The grant or award may also be time limited, that is, it may lapse if not ‘called down’ within a specific period of the offer. In the case of some funders you may find the cheque will be issued on receipt of a pro forma invoice or a letter of authority from the supplier and issued directly to them.

Reporting back to your benefactor

Almost all funders like to receive a progress report from their successful candidates so do take the time to let them know how the funds were used. This report may include both successes and setbacks with your course or activity. Maintaining contact like this may place you in a better position to make a second application for money from the same funder at a later date. You will see some extracts from letters from successful candidates scattered throughout the directory.

Organisations receive a large number of requests for money and/or help so do not be too disappointed if you are not successful. The trick is to draw up a list of those charities you may be eligible to apply to and to approach as many of them as possible. However there is still no guarantee that you will be successful, but it does give you a better chance of receiving some help. It is also common when money is tight for the grants or funds to be quite small which is another reason for approaching more than one organisation, as a few little grants can make up the sum you are looking for.

Organisation	BRITISH & FOREIGN SCHOOL SOCIETY
Website Address	www.bfss.org.uk
Who can apply	A prisoner or ex-offender who is in the final stage of an initial teacher training course leading to the award of Qualified Teacher Status and who has run into financial difficulties for reasons outside his/her control.
What can be funded	A grant up to around £1,000.
What is not funded	Any course other than an initial teacher training course leading to the award of Qualified Teacher Status.
How to apply	In the first instance a letter to the Society requesting an application form (assuming that the individual meets the criteria indicated above). If the individual has access to the Internet, the form can be downloaded from our website at www.bfss.org.uk
Key dates	Applications are considered on a quarterly basis.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	All correspondence is acknowledged very quickly, usually by return.
Notes	The Society is not primarily geared to meeting the requests of prisoners but may in exceptional circumstances be able to assist if the individual meets the Society's grants criteria. The Trustees will seek assurance that the candidate will be accepted for an educational post and not barred as a result of CRB checks.
Who to apply to	Imogen Wilde
Address	Maybrook House 97 Godstone Road
Town	Caterham
County	Surrey
Postcode	CR3 6RE
Phone	01883 331177

Organisation	BUTTLE UK
Website Address	www.buttleuk.org
Who can apply	16 – 20 year olds who are: estranged; orphaned; adopted; cared for by relatives or friends; young carers or refugees with indefinite leave to remain. We do not however provide grants to young people for whom there is already some form of statutory provision.
What can be funded	We operate a flexible response and will consider anything, but generally expenses related to recognised courses plus living costs as well as fees, maintenance, fares, equipment etc.
What is not funded	Overseas trips/courses; outward bound courses; medical electives; second degrees.
How to apply	By letter or email with name, date of birth, status, course title, start and end date and details of family circumstances and need.
Key dates	Our financial year begins in April. We operate a rolling programme. The fund is generally exhausted by December, therefore for best chance of success, apply March – October.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	We will always acknowledge correspondence.
Phone	020 7828 7311 (England); 01505 850437 (Scotland); 01633 440052 (Wales); 02890 641164 (Northern Ireland).
Email	info@buttleuk.org

Organisation	BUTTLE UK
Name of grant/loan	Access to the Future Scheme
Who can apply	18 to 25 year olds who have been long term unemployed and who are not yet qualified to full level 2 standard. Applicants should also be working regularly with a supporting organisation who are helping them to get their life back on track.
What can be funded	Anything that helps to improve the employability of an applicant. Items such as training costs, equipment, clothing, subsistence costs, personal development opportunities, licences, identification or business start up costs.
What is not funded	Items that cannot be linked directly to improving the employability of an applicant.
How to apply	The application form and guidance notes can be downloaded from the Buttle UK website and returned via post, fax or email. Please note: applications must be submitted via a referral agency and not directly from the young person. Any application not supported by a referral agency will be automatically refused.
Key dates	The programme is open all year round.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	All correspondence is acknowledged.
Phone	020 7828 7311 (England); 01505 850437 (Scotland); 01633 440052 (Wales); 02890 641164 (Northern Ireland).
Email	info@buttleuk.org

Organisation	CITY & GUILDS
Name of grant/loan	City & Guilds Bursary
Website Address	www.cityandguilds.com
Specific geographical area covered	UK Only
Who can apply	City & Guilds is offering a small number of bursaries (educational awards) each year to anyone, including prisoners, who would like the opportunity to study for a City & Guilds Group qualification. We only consider applications from people who are currently resident in and wish to study in the UK.
What can be funded	The bursaries can be used for a wide range of purposes, including: paying your course fees (if you have no other funding), covering childcare or travel expenses or covering other costs that are making it difficult for you to enrol on a course.
What is not funded	Courses that are not City & Guilds. Courses outside of the UK.
How to apply	Complete an online application form that can be found at www.cityandguilds.com/bursaries . On completion of the online form a box will come up thanking you for your application, this is your confirmation. It also details the next steps. Please read carefully. If you miss one cut-off date your application will automatically go into the next selection period.
Key dates	Applications will be considered twice a year in September and May and you will be notified soon after that as to whether you have been chosen to go forward to the interview stage. Awards are made following interviews and usually in June and November/Early December. You will be contacted by post with the result of your application.
Notes	Competition is very steep so please provide as much information as possible on your application to help us make a decision.
From a Grant recipient	'Its still early days but life is definitely more positive and there is definitely a future. Thank you so much, without your support I'm quite certain that none of this would have been possible'
Who to apply to	City & Guilds (Bursaries)
Address	FREEPOST RSGZ AJYE CZTS City & Guilds, Corporate Affairs (Bursaries) 1 Giltspur Street
Town	London
Postcode	EC1A 9DD
Phone	08445 430033
Email	bursaries@cityandguilds.com

<i>Organisation</i>	CRISIS
<i>Name of grant/loan</i>	Changing Lives Grant
<i>Website Address</i>	www.crisis.org.uk
<i>Specific geographical area covered</i>	Birmingham, Edinburgh, London, Merseyside, Newcastle and Oxford.
<i>Who can apply</i>	Crisis Changing Lives is a grants programme for individuals who are Crisis members and have experienced homelessness in the last three years; are aged 18 or over; are current members of Crisis and have been working with a Coach or Progression Coordinator at Crisis for the last three months; have the right to remain and work in the UK; have been free from substance or alcohol misuse for at least six months.
<i>What can be funded</i>	Course fees for accredited courses below degree level; equipment or tools needed to complete any accredited course (including degree level and above). Examples are: books, specific tools, stationery, specialist clothing, electrical equipment; HGV training and licences, SIA training and licences, websites for businesses, business start up equipment and tools; equipment or tools needed to set up as self-employed; tools for experienced tradesmen and tradeswomen who are actively looking to return to work; practical costs to start a small business and become self employed.
<i>What is not funded</i>	University course fees; computers/laptops; regular driving lessons and licences; second-hand goods; non-accredited courses or equipment for non-accredited courses; basic or general skills courses; course fees or equipment for international students; course fees or equipment for courses taking place outside the UK; rent or utility costs; food and drink; travel; motorised vehicles.
<i>How to apply</i>	Applications must be made through a Crisis UK Coach or Progression coordinator. More information can be found on our website.
<i>Notes</i>	Crisis members can apply for up to £2500 to get into employment, self-employment and education.
<i>From a Grant recipient</i>	"It's not everyday someone offers so much money (£800 for carpentry tools) to make a start in something positive, in my case tools for college and future employment! I'm more than grateful and this will really help me get started in what I'm trying to achieve."
<i>Who to apply to</i>	Applications are only accepted by email from Crisis UK staff on behalf of the applicant.
<i>Address</i>	66 Commercial Street
<i>Town</i>	London
<i>Postcode</i>	E1 6LT
<i>Phone</i>	0207 426 3871
<i>Email</i>	changing.lives@crisis.org.uk

Organisation	(THE) DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD
Name of grant/loan	DofE Aldo Trust Bursary
Website Address	www.DofE.org
Who can apply	Any young person in the secure estate (up to the age of 25) who is in need and who has enrolled either inside or outside of prison on the DofE Programme.
What can be funded	Specialist clothing, materials and/or equipment needed to take part in the DofE programme.
What is not funded	Only the above is funded.
How to apply	Letter from both young person, and DofE Leader to endorse their requirement.
Key dates	N/A
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	Unsuccessful requests will be acknowledged.
Notes	If the application is successful then we do ask for a case study on the individual or group the equipment was awarded to.
From a Grant recipient	“The greatest thing I’ve got from the Award is confidence and recognition. it helps you keep focused on keeping out of trouble, but it’s not a free ride. You have to work hard for every piece of encouragement and, ultimately, every Award.”
Who to apply to	Mrs Samantha Bennie, National Operations Manager.
Address	Gulliver House Madeira Walk
Town	Windsor
County	Berkshire
Postcode	SL4 1EU
Phone	01753 727400
Email	info@dofe.org

Organisation	ELIZABETH FINN CARE
Website Address	www.elizabethfinncare.org.uk
Who can apply	Any British or Irish national or resident who is living on a low income or means-tested benefits, and has formerly been employed in a wide range of qualifying occupations or is a partner of someone employed in a qualifying occupation*.
What can be funded	Back to work training – NVQ or vocational course, degree course fees if related to role or job.
What is not funded	Private medical and dental costs, prescription glasses, school fees, funeral costs, legal fees, loans, business costs or personal debts.
How to apply	Request an application form by completing the enquiry form on the website, or alternatively, contact through the post or by telephone.
Notes	*Qualifying occupations require a higher-level qualification and/ or level of responsibility or knowledge, such as middle management or above in all fields, dentist, lawyers, vets, social workers, teachers, nurses, accountants, engineers, librarians, teachers, professional artists or writers, farmers or farm managers, commissioned army officers. Elizabeth Finn Care also founded 'turn2us' a free online database that provides charity searches, benefit checker and links to charities that help deal people deal with debt. www.turn2us.org.uk
Who to apply to	Elizabeth Finn Care
Address	Hythe House Shepherd's Bush Road
Town	London
Postcode	W6 7NL
Phone	0208 834 9200
Email	enquiries.casework@elizabethfinn.org.uk

Organisation	FAMILY ACTION
Name of grant/loan	Family Action's Educational Grants
Website Address	www.family-action.org.uk
Who can apply	Grants are primarily targeted at families and individuals with low incomes, particularly those living on benefits. This may include exoffenders. A typical grant ranges from £200 - £300 in value. To find out whether you are eligible to apply for a Family Action Educational Grant or to another grant making trust, complete an online Educational Grant Search by visiting www.family-action.org.uk/educationalgrantssearch . Family Action reviews its educational grants criteria annually and full details are available on the website at www.family-action.org.uk/grants
What can be funded	Educational courses at a college or university that is affiliated to EGS – the Educational Grants Service.
What is not funded	Family Action's Educational Grants are not available for: items already covered by statutory funding, private school fees, repayment of loans, childcare costs, daily living expenses.
How to apply	The Educational Grants Search found on the website and linked above must be completed. We cannot accept letters as applications. Applications require various supporting documents, details are provided in the guidance at the beginning of the application forms.
Key dates	Applications can usually be made at any time during the year. Check the website for any changes.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	All applicants will be informed of the result of the Panel's decision in writing, usually within 21 working days of all the required information being received by Family Action. We regret we are unable to provide the result of the Grants Panel decisions by telephone.
Notes	Please note that we can only consider one educational grant application from the same applicant per academic year. Applicants must be studying at a college or university that is affiliated to EGS.
Who to apply to	Grants Administrator
Address	Family Action 501-505 Kingsland Road
Town	London
Postcode	E8 4AU
Email	grants.enquiry@family-action.org.uk

Organisation	FRANK LONGFORD CHARITABLE TRUST (LONGFORD TRUST)
Name of grant/loan	Longford Scholarships
Website Address	www.longfordtrust.org
Who can apply	Anyone wanting to study for a degree who has left prison within the past five years plus those who are soon to be released. Must have a conditional offer from a university. Specific emphasis on young prisoners and those whose qualifications will lead to jobs that may enable them to help other offenders on the path of rehabilitation. Special awards available (Patrick Pakenham Awards) for those wishing to study Law and associated subjects at degree level.
What can be funded	Financial support up to £5,000 per annum for UK higher education courses for up to three years, but most awards for considerably less.
What is not funded	Further education courses, NVQs, anything other than higher education degrees.
How to apply	Must be made on application form available on trust's website www.longfordtrust.org - or obtainable from its offices.
Key dates	There is only one round of awards per year. Closing date for applications is at the start of June for courses starting in or after the following September (including Open University).
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	Queries about guidelines answered, but please read the guidelines fully before sending in full application.
Notes	As well as financial support, the Trust provides mentoring to ex-prisoners and soon to be released prisoners who receive one of its awards.
From a Grant recipient	"The application process was unlike any other i have been involved in. From the first moment, the trust displayed such an interest in me that i didn't feel that they held me up as a target, as i had been held during my years at the hands of the criminal justice system, but that they genuinely held my interests at heart."
Who to apply to	The Director
Address	Longford Trust PO Box 64302
Town	London
Postcode	NW6 9JP
Phone	0207 625 1097
Email	scholarshipmanager@longfordtrust.org

Organisation	HAVEN DISTRIBUTION BOOKS-TO-PRISONERS
Website Address	www.havendistribution.org.uk
Specific geographical area covered	The UK and the Republic of Ireland.
Who can apply	Any serving prisoner in the UK & Republic of Ireland who is serving twelve months or more.
What can be funded	Up to £20 worth of books for educational purposes such as NVQ training or Open University courses every 12 months. The student must still have at least six months left to serve in prison. Will also supply basic dictionaries (Spanish etc.) for foreign nationals and/or picture/colour/ large print for those with reading difficulties. Please allow six weeks for delivery as we are a voluntary led charity.
What is not funded	Haven Distribution will not purchase the following items: encyclopaedias, atlases, religious publications, hobby books, general reading books, autobiographies, magazine subscriptions, art materials, musical instruments, stationery, calculators, computers, CD Roms, or language courses.
How to apply	The student needs to complete a simple application form and provide proof that he or she is actively involved in education, namely something written to this effect on headed paper from an educational tutor or acceptance letter at Open University. The books are dispatched in all cases by registered post.
Key dates	Haven aims to process orders within six weeks of receiving the request.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	Haven aims to provide requested book within six weeks of receiving application. If application is unsuccessful, Haven will reply to inform their decision.
Notes	Approximately 2000 prisoners successfully applied for support in the financial year 2011-2012. Haven also provides general reading books, which have been donated to the charity by publishers and individuals - please contact Haven for a list of available books.
From a Grant recipient	"This is a book I will greatly value, not only is it of great benefit with my coursework but also in every day life."
Who to apply to	Haven Distribution
Address	27 Old Gloucester Street
Town	London
Postcode	WC1N 3XX
Email	info@havendistribution.org.uk

Organisation	HOUSING THE HOMELESS CENTRAL FUND
Specific geographical area covered	England, Scotland and Wales
Who can apply	Social workers, probation officers or other accredited support agencies as sponsors of clients. Grants are paid directly to the accredited agency and no applications are accepted from individuals.
What can be funded	Grants for household items.
What is not funded	Holidays, medical apparatus, funeral expenses, travel, vehicles, educational expenses, rent deposits, computers, toys, telephones, structural improvements to property, TVs and/or licences.
How to apply	Guidelines and applications should be requested on headed paper and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.
Key dates	No applications are processed in March.
Notes	Housing the Homeless Central Fund does not conduct business by telephone.
Who to apply to	Frankie Salton-Cox, Clerk to the Trustees
Address	Housing the Homeless Central Fund 2A Orchard Road
Town	Sidcup
County	Kent
Postcode	DA14 6RD

Organisation	KOESTLER TRUST
Name of grant/loan	Koestler Awards
Website Address	www.koestlertrust.org.uk
Who can apply	Anyone held in a United Kingdom prison, young offenders institution, secure children's home, special hospital, high security psychiatric hospital or immigration removal centre; any client of the probation service, a youth offending team or the Scottish youth justice social work services; any UK citizen held in a prison overseas. People may enter individually or as a group.
What can be funded	The Koestler Awards are given once a year for original work in 58 art forms, including creative writing, drawing, fashion, graphic design, music, painting, photography and woodwork. About half the awards carry cash prizes from £20 - £100 which is paid into the 'private cash' of prisoners. The prize money totals about £30,000 a year. The Trust also sells visual artwork on behalf of offenders.
What is not funded	Activities or equipment.
How to apply	Send entries to the Koestler Arts Centre at the address below. There is no limit on number. Every artwork must come with a Koestler entry form for the current year, countersigned by an authorised member of staff. The Trust sends entry forms to Education Departments in all establishments every December. The forms may also be downloaded from the Trust's website or requested by post, phone or email.
Key dates	December: entry forms available. March: deadline for entries. June: judging of entries. September: certificates and prize money sent out. December: money from sales sent out.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	Response to all letters within a month, usually sooner.
Notes	The awards were founded in 1962 by the writer Arthur Koestler. They now attract over 8,000 entries a year. The best visual works are shown at exhibitions in London, Birmingham, Cardiff, Glasgow and Newcastle. Awards entrants may also apply for a Koestler mentor to support them to develop their arts practice.
From a Grant recipient	"Winning a Koestler Award was the first recognition I had for my painting outside prison. It really helped my confidence. Seeing my work in the Koestler exhibition in London was one of the proudest moments of my life."
Who to apply to	The Koestler Trust
Address	168a Du Cane Road
Town	London
Postcode	W12 0TX
Phone	0208 740 0333
Email	info@koestlertrust.org.uk

Organisation	LAWRENCE ATWELL'S CHARITY
Name of grant/loan	Lawrence Atwell's Charity Grant
Website Address	www.skinnershall.co.uk
Who can apply	Individuals aged between 16 – 26 inclusive who want to free themselves from poverty and disadvantage by heading into the jobs they want. Applicants must come from a household earning £26,000 p.a or less.
What can be funded	Grants towards: Vocational Training, "First Step" Qualifications . See website for further information.
What is not funded	Degree Level Courses. Non-vocational courses, such as GCSE's, A Levels or GNVQ's. Business enterprises or start-up costs. See website for further information.
How to apply	On-line application process via the website
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	All correspondence receives a reply.
Notes	Our website is regularly updated with information about the Charity and any deadlines for applications.
Who to apply to	The Atwell Administrator
Address	The Skinners' Company Lawrence Atwell's Charity, Skinners' Hall 8 Dowgate Hill
Town	London
Postcode	EC4R 2SP
Phone	0207 213 0561
Email	atwell@skidders.org.uk

<i>Organisation</i>	MICHAEL AND SHIRLEY HUNT CHARITABLE TRUST
<i>Who can apply</i>	A dependent relative of a serving prisoner.
<i>What can be funded</i>	Grants to prisoners towards cost of travel on home leaves. Grants are also made in respect of assistance to dependent relatives of serving prisoners – to relieve hardship etc. Applications must be supported by Probation officer, Social Worker etc.
<i>How to apply</i>	In writing to the Trust at the address below. Applications to be supported by Probation officer, Social Worker etc.
<i>Who to apply to</i>	Mrs D S Jenkins
<i>Address</i>	The Michael and Shirley Hunt Charitable Trust Ansty House Henfield Road
<i>Town</i>	Small Dole
<i>County</i>	West Sussex
<i>Postcode</i>	BN5 9XH
<i>Phone</i>	01903 817116

<i>Organisation</i>	(THE) PRINCE'S TRUST
<i>Name of grant/loan</i>	Development Awards
<i>Website Address</i>	www.princes-trust.org.uk
<i>Who can apply</i>	For the award scheme - UK residents: • Aged 14 - 16 , in education and at risk of achieving fewer than 5 GCSE grades A-C • Aged 16-25 and not in education, training or work (or working less than 16 hours a week)
<i>What can be funded</i>	Development Awards between £50 and £500 to help access training, education or employment.
<i>What is not funded</i>	All higher education i.e. NVQ levels 4 & 5, HNC, HND, Arts Foundation Degree, those in employment earning more than JSA, alleviation of hardship, basic living costs, clothing or furniture, medical treatment or care, costs towards overseas trips.
<i>How to apply</i>	The young people may apply directly or be referred by another organisation. They must complete an application form for their project, then attend an assessment interview after which the application will be passed to a panel for their final decision.
<i>Key dates</i>	12 weeks from enquiry to payment of awards.
<i>Policy on acknowledging correspondence</i>	Information pack sent within five working days of an enquiry. Within seven working days of receiving the completed application form, the young person must be contacted to arrange a suitable time/date for the Assessment Meeting.
<i>Notes</i>	The award is to help young people get their lives back on track and is most relevant to prisoners pre-release and those in the community.
<i>Who to apply to</i>	Regional Offices - see website for details or ring number below to be connected automatically to the nearest regional office.
<i>Phone</i>	0800 842842

Organisation	PROFESSIONALS AID COUNCIL
Website Address	www.professionalsaid.org.uk
Who can apply	Prisoners who are either members of an established profession or who hold a university degree or recognised professional qualification; or whose spouse or parents are similarly qualified. Prisoners who went to a fee-paying or grammar school.
What can be funded	Small grants, normally £400–£500.
What is not funded	Computer equipment, musical instruments, radios, medical equipment, etc.
How to apply	In the first instance a letter to Admin outlining the applicant's professional background, estimated income/expenses for the year concerned, specific request and other funds approached. An endorsement will be required in the form of an academic reference from course tutor and/or authorised person from the prison Education Department. The PAC Education Committee meets regularly throughout the year and each applicant's needs are considered individually.
Key dates	May apply any time during the year.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	All correspondence is acknowledged.
Who to apply to	The Welfare & Support Officer
Address	Professionals Aid Council 10 St Christopher's Place
Town	London
Postcode	W1U 1HZ
Phone	0207 935 0641
Email	thead@professionalsaid.org.uk

Organisation	R L GLASSPOOL CHARITY TRUST
Website Address	www.glasspool.org.uk
Who can apply	A prison officer or probation officer on behalf of a prisoner or ex-offender. WE DO NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM PRISONERS DIRECTLY.
What can be funded	For a full list see the application form. Grants to cover the cost of certain household goods & clothing (not considered while still in custody), vocational materials and training (short vocational courses leading directly to employment supported by an employment offer).
What is not funded	Computers for general use, subsistence income, loans, debts, rent in advance/ deposits, funeral costs/headstones, building works.
How to apply	By application form, which includes guidance notes. Forms can be obtained by sending a blank email to application@glasspool.org.uk Within a few minutes a form will arrive in your inbox. Follow the instructions to apply. The probation or prison officer must submit the application on behalf of the prisoner.
Key dates	None – applications are dealt with as they are received.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	The Trust aims to reply within two weeks of receipt of applications.
Notes	The R L Glasspool Charity Trust is a national charity making one-off grants to people on low incomes and in difficult circumstances. The Trust does not accept applications direct from individuals. Where appropriate, applications should always be made first to statutory sources and any relevant specialist charities.
Who to apply to	R L Glasspool Charity Trust
Address	Saxon House (2nd Floor) 182 Hoe Street Walthamstow
Town	London
Postcode	E17 4QH
Phone	0208 520 4354 (9.30am-12.30pm)
Email	application@glasspool.org.uk

Organisation	RUTH HAYMAN TRUST
Website Address	www.ruthhaymantrust.com
Who can apply	Adults (including prisoners) who have come to settle in the UK and who speak a language other than English as their first language. (Not overseas students who are studying in UK)
What can be funded	Up to £500 (grants given are often much less) for registration, course and exam fees which you have to pay yourself and sometimes books, equipment or the costs of joining professional bodies.
What is not funded	Accommodation and living expenses, childcare, travel (except for disabled).
How to apply	Send for an application form to the address below or download one from the website. Complete and return the form along with an academic reference from a member of the Education Staff, to the Honorary Secretary at the address below.
Key dates	Five per year; next date given on website.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	No acknowledgement except for successful applications.
Who to apply to	The Honorary Secretary
Address	Ruth Hayman Trust PO Box 17685
Town	London
Postcode	N6 6WD
Email	trustee@ruthhaymantrust.com

Organisation	SIR RICHARD STAPLEY EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Website Address	www.stapleytrust.org
Who can apply	Any prisoner who has already achieved an upper second or first class honours degree.
What can be funded	Grants normally around £300–£1,000 in value.
What is not funded	Students awarded major grants from Local Authorities, the NHS Executive, Industry, Research Councils, the British Academy or similar public bodies, students who have already been supported by the Trust for another post-graduate degree, full-time PhD students beyond a third year of study, part-time PhD students beyond a sixth year of study, electives, diplomas, PGCE courses, professional training such as Law Society examinations, PLAB test.
How to apply	Initial enquiries should be made by e-mail to admin@stapleytrust.org in early January. Candidates who do not have internet access can contact us in writing at the address below. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope (C5 size is ideal). Applicants will be notified before the end of June of Council's decision. Grants will be paid in October on receipt of official confirmation of registration on the course, and confirmation that a shortfall of funds still exists.
Key dates	All grants must be claimed by 1st November. Closing date for applications is 31st March, or the first 300 applications received, whichever comes first.
Notes	The Trust generally offers to support two or three prisoners a year.
Who to apply to	The Administrator
Address	Sir Richard Stapley Educational Trust PO Box 839
Town	Richmond
County	Surrey
Postcode	TW9 3AL
Email	admin@stapleytrust.org

Organisation	SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING THE TRAINING OF WOMEN
Website Address	www.sptw.org
Who can apply	Women, including women prisoners, who have been resident in the UK for at least three years and are at that stage in their sentences where they can take a degree course on day release, or women about to be released who are planning for post release higher education, in a particular post-graduate course.
What can be funded	A loan circa £1,000 to be used for course fees.
What is not funded	Distance learning.
How to apply	Write to SPTW asking for an application form or ask someone to download it from their website. Before a loan can be considered you will need to attend an interview in Central London. All applications received by the Society are considered most carefully. However, the annual demand far exceeds the Society's available funds, so the completion of an application form does not guarantee the granting of a loan.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	The Society does not acknowledge the receipt of application forms. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed only if a stamped addressed envelope has been enclosed with the application.
Who to apply to	Michelle Bennett, Secretary
Address	Society for Promoting the Training of Women Court Lodge Farm 10 Court Lodge Road
Town	Appledore, Ashford
County	Kent
Postcode	TN26 2DD
Email	sec.sptw@btinternet.com

Organisation	ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS CHRISTMAS APPEAL
Name of grant/loan	Vicar's Relief Fund (VRF)
Website Address	www.smitf.org
Who can apply	Probation officers, social workers, support workers, CAB advisors etc. on behalf of people, including offenders and ex-offenders, in need or hardship. We cannot accept applications or requests for application forms directly from offenders or ex-offenders.
What can be funded	One-off grants up to £250 but the average is usually around £165.
What is not funded	Course fees and expenses including HGV and other vocational courses; holidays, respite breaks and school trips; specialized equipment (e.g. wheelchairs, stairlifts, Motability schemes, etc); childcare expenses; toys, books and play equipment; televisions, video and audio equipment, television licence fees; medical treatments and prescription fees; administrative charges, fines and professional fees, computer hardware and software.
How to apply	Recognised agencies only, complete and return an application form obtainable from the administrator at the address below.
Key dates	Grants are allocated on an on-going basis.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	Due to the large number of requests received, we are unable to acknowledge receipt of each application, but each application will receive a response concerning the outcome.
Notes	Our first priority is to those: a) who are in danger of becoming homeless, b) who are currently homeless, destitute and/or vulnerable, and c) with experience of homelessness attempting to establish or maintain a tenancy.
From a Grant recipient	"If it had not been for the help you have given me I dread to think how I would have coped. The help you gave me was the first bit of hope I had seen and I could see some light at the end of the road on trying to rebuild my life."
Who to apply to	VRF Administrator
Address	VRF St Martin in the Fields
Town	London
Postcode	WC2N 4JJ
Phone	0207 766 1127
Email	rod.beadles3@smitf.org

Organisation	THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
Website Address	www.britishlegion.org.uk
Who can apply	Any prisoner or ex-offender who has received seven days pay through service in the Armed Forces, including Reserves and who is able to establish a need.
What can be funded	A wide range of needs can be met. There is currently no specific ceiling on the value of a grant to an individual prisoner or ex-offender.
What is not funded	There are some forms of assistance that the Legion is not able to provide. These are: • Where state assistance or statutory services are available (although exceptions can be made in some circumstances, particularly where the client's welfare is at risk); • Repayment of business debts; • Legal expenses, such as court costs and solicitors' fees; • Loans, other than Be the Boss loans; • Medical care, exceptions can be made for dental charges or optician costs in some circumstances; and • Payments to "top-up" the shortfall in care home fees (although we can administer these on behalf of other benevolent organisations).
How to apply	Initial approaches should be made to TRBL Head Office (Legionline telephone enquiry service or in writing). Information on how to make contact with the local TRBL Office will then be provided.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	It is TRBL's aim to acknowledge correspondence within 5 working days wherever possible.
Notes	Help is also available for the spouse/partners and children of ex- service personnel and for imprisoned widow(er)s, divorced or separated spouses of ex-service personnel.
Who to apply to	TRBL Head Office (Legionline)
Address	199 Borough High Street
Town	London
Postcode	SE1 1AA
Phone	08457 725725
Email	info@britishlegion.org.uk

Organisation	THE SALVATION ARMY
Website Address	www.salvationarmy.org.uk
Who can apply	Any prisoner who can complete a course of study while in custody.
What can be funded	Small grants up to £100 per person, for educational purposes only.
What is not funded	Clothing, including sportswear (tracksuits/trainers); electrical equipment (e.g. computer, tape recorder etc.); tools (for trade), hobbycraft materials etc.
How to apply	The prisoner writes to Prison Ministries Officer for grant. An application form is sent to Education Officer to ascertain full details of course and its cost. The form is returned to the Salvation Army when completed. Three months are given to raise the balance of money. The money is released when the prison authorities notify The Salvation Army that all other funding is in place. The cheque is generally made payable to the Governor of the establishment.
Key dates	Any time until funding runs out.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	All correspondence are acknowledged in writing.
From a Grant recipient	"I would like to offer my considerable thanks for your kindness in assisting me in this manner. it has come at a time of considerable pressure for me, both emotionally and financially..."
Who to apply to	Prison Ministries Officer
Address	The Salvation Army Social Services Department 101 Newington Causeway
Town	London
Postcode	SE1 6BN
Email	david.tribble@salvationarmy.org.uk



A prisoner working in the prison stores. HMP Wandsworth.

Organisation	POPPYSCOTLAND - (THE EARL HAIG FUND SCOTLAND)
Website Address	www.poppyscotland.org.uk
Who can apply	To be eligible for assistance you must be a veteran, this is anyone who has served in the UK Armed Forces (regular or reserve). We also assist spouses and dependants of veterans.
What can be funded	Grant assistance is available to help purchase essential items where need is evidenced through a means tested application, prepared in conjunction with the client by a SSAFA Forces Help case worker. We also offer small business loans through the 'Be the Boss' scheme and employment support grants which assist individuals who are unemployed, low skilled or in low paid employment to access training courses which will lead to employment. Our employability services are administered through www.civvystreet.org
What is not funded	Non-priority debt, e.g. credit card or loan finance.
How to apply	In the first instance contact Poppyscotland's Head of Charitable Services on 0131 5501593.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	We will acknowledge all written correspondence.
Notes	More information on our schemes can be found at www.poppyscotland.org.uk
Who to apply to	Head of Charitable Services
Address	Poppyscotland New Haig House Logie Green Road
Town	Edinburgh
Postcode	EH7 4HR
Phone	0131 550 1593
Email	g.gray@poppyscotland.org.uk

Organisation	SACRO TRUST FUND
Website Address	www.sacro.org.uk
Specific geographical area covered	Grants awarded to those resident in Scotland only.
Who can apply	Please note Sacro Trust Fund only awards grants to those resident in Scotland. The Trust is for people on licence or court order or who have been released from imprisonment within the last two years.
What can be funded	Education, household items, employability courses, items to aid in the rehabilitation of the client up to the amount of £300.
What is not funded	Rent, holidays, driving lessons and other items that do not assist with rehabilitation.
How to apply	Contact the Trust Fund Administrator for an application form and guidance notes.
Key dates	Assessor's meetings held quarterly.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	An acknowledgement card will be issued which provides the date of the next Assessor's meeting.
Notes	Applications can only be accepted from local authority or voluntary sector workers, not direct from clients.
From a Grant recipient	"I wanted to thank you for the funding that the Sacro Trust gave me. I have just completed the excavator course and passed. I thoroughly enjoyed the course and I am certain that it will help me to gain employment on my release. I could not have managed this without the Trust's support."
Who to apply to	Trust Fund Administrator
Address	Sacro Trust Fund 29 Albany Street
Town	Edinburgh
Postcode	EH1 3QN
Phone	0131 624 7270
Email	trust@national.sacro.org.uk

<i>Organisation</i>	ARTS COUNCIL
<i>Website Address</i>	www.artscouncil.org.uk
<i>Who can apply</i>	Artists, performers, writers, etc. The applicant must be a practitioner with a proven track record who wishes to expand or develop his/her creativity. The Arts Council does not fund art students for activities related to their course of study or their tuition fees, or those who have not already established themselves as artists.
<i>What can be funded</i>	A grant towards equipment and materials particularly those necessary to new areas of creative work. Generally it is expected that you will find at least 10% of the funding you require from other sources.
<i>What is not funded</i>	Activities that are not arts-related. Activities that provide no potential benefit to the public. Costs that are covered by other funding. General running costs and overheads that are paid for by other income, including your own funds. Second hand equipment (apart from certain musical instruments and specialist equipment).
<i>How to apply</i>	The information is most readily available on the web site. From the Arts Council homepage type, "understanding the assessment criteria" into the search and then click the link. Ask a member of the arts education staff to acquire the information on your behalf, then if it appears you are eligible you will need to complete the application form and return it to the appropriate regional address (see the website). It may benefit you considerably to telephone the Arts Council before applying and also to find a member of staff at an early stage prepared to assist you through the whole process.
<i>Key dates</i>	May apply at any time.
<i>Policy on acknowledging correspondence</i>	All applications are acknowledged.
<i>Who to apply to</i>	The regional office (as shown on the website) for the region in which you are based.
<i>Phone</i>	0845 300 6200

Organisation	BURNBAKE TRUST PRISON ART PROJECT
Website Address	www.burnbaketrust.co.uk
Who can apply	Anyone who is currently detained within the prison service or under the supervision of the probation service.
What can be funded	Small grants are available for Art and Craft materials. No more than one application to be considered from a candidate each year.
What is not funded	Anything that is not art related. We will assess all applications individually.
How to apply	Apply in writing and if an individual is likely to be eligible an application form will be sent.
Key dates	May apply any time during the year.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	All letters are answered. We aim to answer letters within two weeks and will let candidates know of the outcome of their application.
Notes	Grant applications must be supported by the Prison Education Manager or Probation Officer. All the information on the applications must be filled in and an official stamp is required before any application is put forward for consideration.
From a Grant recipient	“I would like to thank you and the Trust for all the support you have given me. Art has changed my outlook on life and i have for the first time in my life realised that I can actually “achieve” something. Thank you for giving me confidence and making me aware of my self worth.”
Who to apply to	Eva Hogendoorn
Address	Burnbake Trust 29 North Street Wilton
Town	Salisbury
County	Wiltshire
Postcode	SP2 OHE
Phone	01722 744178 (Wednesday and Friday between 08.00 and 15.00)
Email	art@burnbaketrust.co.uk

Organisation	CONSTRUCTION YOUTH TRUST
Name of grant/loan	Bursary
Website Address	www.constructionyouth.org.uk
Who can apply	In order for individuals to be considered for a bursary, they must be aged 16-30, a permanent resident in the UK and have completed or be already involved in one of Construction Youth Trust's programmes. Details of the Trust's programmes can be found on www.constructionyouth.org.uk or by contacting the Trust directly.
What can be funded	The Trust will consider financial support towards relevant education, travel costs, subsistence or special purpose equipment such as tools.
What is not funded	We cannot accept applications from those studying for a second degree, a post-graduate qualification or RIBA Part II.
How to apply	Individuals wishing to apply for a bursary should contact the Trust directly.
Key dates	Applications are considered throughout the year.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	Applications will be acknowledged wherever possible.
From a Grant recipient	"I was always concerned about how i was going to afford actually being a student. Mum and Dad helped whenever they could but we're not rich and they've got my younger sister and brother to look after. I applied to Construction Youth Trust for a bursary and told them everything, and after an interview the Trust paid directly for my accommodation. It really took the pressure off and now i've also been offered a job to start when I finish studying. It's been hard work to get here but it would have been a lot harder without help from Construction Youth Trust – it's all been worth it."
Who to apply to	Administration Manager
Address	Construction Youth Trust The Building Centre 26 Store Street
Town	London
Postcode	WC1E 7BT
Phone	0207 467 9540
Email	cyt@cytrust.org.uk

Organisation	FEMALE PRISONERS WELFARE PROJECT (FPWP) HIBISCUS
Name of grant/loan	Advocacy and Support
Website Address	www.fpwphibiscus.org.uk
Who can apply	Foreign National, Migrant, BMER and EU women can apply. We also have a new project on crime prevention and resettlement aimed at Romanian women with a specific focus on the Roma community. Women from these communities can also apply for support.
What can be funded	Small grants (up to £10) for telephone pin credit, small grants (up to £50) for emergency one-off help with medical fees, school fees for children abroad. Support and advice, as well as small grants (one-off help of up to £40 for women ex-offenders who do not have access to benefits and are released into the community as part of our resettlement programme).
What is not funded	Any items that should be funded by HM Prison Service, non-essential items.
How to apply	Contact our organisation directly or contact our PFWP Hibiscus Project Workers as they visit the prisons. Any time of the year.
Key dates	Any time of the year.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	All correspondence will be acknowledged.
Notes	We work within all the female prisons.
From a Grant recipient	"I don't have enough words to express to you all my gratitude. Hibiscus has been really kind, helpful, nice and friendly to me. many thanks again for your help."
Who to apply to	Either the Project Worker who visits the prison or FPWP Hibiscus
Address	FPWP Hibiscus Unit 3.2 Holloway Resource Centre 356 Holloway Road
Town	London
Postcode	N7 6PA
Phone	020 7697 4120
Email	info@fpwphibiscus.co.uk

Organisation	FREDERICKS FOUNDATION
Name of grant/loan	Business start-up microloan.
Website Address	www.fredericksfoundation.org
Specific geographical area covered	Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Devon, Somerset, Nottinghamshire, London, Lincolnshire, Bristol & Bath, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire.
Who can apply	Prisoners with a business idea who will be setting up a business in any of the areas covered and who have been declined a loan by a mainstream lender.
What can be funded	Funds to cover expenses required to set a business provided in the form of a business loan to be repaid within a period of one to three years.
What is not funded	Training and funding for certain ineligible types of business.
How to apply	Application Form and list of requirements is available from the website: www.fredericksfoundation.org or by request from the office on 01276 472722. Applicants will be required to provide a business plan and cashflow forecast as well as financial and identity documentation. Applications will initially be assessed by professional advisors and may subsequently be referred for panel discussion.
Notes	Maximum Loan: £10,000 (average loan size: £3,500) Interest rate: on application.
From a Grant recipient	“Following receipt of my application my Fredericks Foundation Client manager spent a great deal of time helping me with my business plan and cashflow. The ongoing support I still receive from Fredericks is vital to the continuing success of my business.”
Who to apply to	Fredericks Foundation
Address	Fredericks House 39 Guildford Road
Town	Lightwater
County	Surrey
Postcode	GU18 5SA
Phone	01276 472722
Email	mailto@fredericksfoundation.net

Organisation	HARDMAN TRUST
Name of grant/loan	Hardman Trust Award
Website Address	www.hardmantrust.org.uk
Who can apply	Prisoners in the latter stages of long sentences who have made exceptional efforts towards their personal rehabilitation. Specifically, (i) Cat D male prisoners who are lifers, serving an IPP sentence or serving a fixed term sentence of 10 years or more; and (ii) female prisoners serving sentences of 7 years or more and who are within 3 years of their EDR.
What can be funded	An award in the form of a voucher with a cash value generally from £100–£700 that may be used for a wide variety of purposes (educational in the broadest sense) that will assist the applicant’s rehabilitation.
What is not funded	Driving lessons for car or motorbike, clothing (unless specialist), furniture; medical expenses, personal computers unless endorsed by the Governor or are to be bought and used post-release.
How to apply	Download the application form from the website or ring or write to the Secretary. Complete the application form, keep a copy and send original to the Secretary. Prior to the selection meeting, eligible applicants are interviewed by an assessor. The award winners are chosen at either an April or October selection meeting.
Key dates	Completed application forms are received, November - February for the April Selection and May - August for the October Selection Meeting. For schedule of important dates, see website.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	Soon after the Trustees have made their decision, all candidates are informed, whether or not they have been made an award.
Notes	The Secretary of the Hardman Trust is also the Co-ordinator of The Prisoner Funder Directory Project and of The Prisoner Funder Forum.
From a Grant recipient	“Words cannot express how much your kindness and generosity has helped to transform my life in a positive direction. I am now able to pursue career opportunities once considered impossible.”
Who to apply to	The Secretary
Address	The Hardman Trust PO Box 108
Town	Newport
County	Isle of Wight
Postcode	PO30 1YN
Phone	01983 539373
Email	info@hardmantrust.org.uk

Organisation	MATTHEW TRUST
Website Address	www.matthewtrust.org
Who can apply	Prisoners with mental illness. A few grants are made to prisoners each year.
What can be funded	A grant of around £50
What is not funded	Lawyer's fees.
How to apply	Write in with details and reason for grant.
Notes	Examples of recent awards: Mrs JG, was given a 12 month sentence: whilst in HMP her house was trashed and we helped to provide new furniture in time for her return home to make a fresh start. Mr JB, lived on the street, offended and was sent to HMP: his family severed contact and we helped with college fees for his rehabilitation. Mr DP developed an interest in art and we helped him with the cost of materials.
Who to apply to	Mrs Annabel Thompson
Address	Matthew Trust PO Box 604
Town	London
Postcode	SW6 3AG
Phone	0207 736 5976
Email	amt@matthewtrust.org

Organisation	OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS EDUCATION TRUST
Website Address	www.open.org.uk
Who can apply	Any prisoner engaged in Open University (OU) study who does not receive statutory funding (students generally eligible for statutory support for OU courses that lead to a first degree, see additional notes).
What can be funded	In particular a grant to cover the cost of OU post graduate study if first degree was taken with OU, undergraduate study if not eligible for other financial support, journals and equipment of direct relevance to a particular OU course including computer equipment.
What is not funded	Non OU study.
How to apply	Via an application form from OUSET that should be obtainable through the education department. You must contact the education department before you apply as you will need a letter of support from your education advisor. The completed signed off application form, a letter of support and a copy of your prison bank account should be returned to the address below.
Key dates	May apply any time.
Notes	The Government via PET and the OLSU/OU will normally support undergraduate students who are prisoners, embarking on their first degree from the beginning by covering the entire cost of course fees. Foreign nationals are advised to seek advice before seeking funding for an OU course as special rules apply to them. The Government may also provide a grant of £250 for OU set books.
From a Grant recipient	“My confidence has rocketed and I am quickly getting a taste and a hunger for education in prison.”
Who to apply to	Als Ryan, Secretary to the Trust
Address	OUSET PO Box 397 Walton Hall
Town	Milton Keynes
Postcode	MK7 6BE
Phone	01908 655748
Email	ouset@open.ac.uk

Organisation	PRISONERS EDUCATION TRUST
Website Address	www.prisonerseducationtrust.org.uk
Who can apply	Any sentenced prisoner; from prisons in England and Wales, including Young Offenders' Institutions. They should be able to complete their chosen course before release.
What can be funded	Grants for distance learning courses. Grants are rarely more than £500 though the Trust is willing to share the cost of more expensive courses with others. The Trust also makes small grants towards the cost of art materials.
What is not funded	The trustees prefer not to fund driving lessons. Applications for postgraduate courses are also difficult to fund.
How to apply	Applications to the Trust must be made through the prison education department on the Trust's application form and accompanied by a letter from the prisoner and a recommendation by an authorised member of the prison education or advice staff. The prison is required to pay 10% towards the cost of any course provided (except OU courses funded from government funds). Trustees meet monthly; courses are ordered and paid for by the Trust and prisons invoiced quarterly for their 10%.
Key dates	Applications should be sent by 1st of month.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	The Trust aims to respond to all enquiries and applications as swiftly as possible. All applicants receive a letter telling them whether they have been successful or not. The application process may take up to 7-8 weeks.
Notes	The Trust runs other projects. We train prisoners to act as peer mentors to support distance learners in adult prisons in the South East and the East Midlands. Our 'Learning Matters' project promotes the importance of education and training in the successful resettlement of offenders to influence policy and debate.
From a Grant recipient	"When I passed my first course (OU study), this gave me a sense of pride and confidence I have not had before – only with your help have I been able to do this and find that I really enjoy learning."
Who to apply to	Prisoners Education Trust
Address	Wandle House Riverside Drive
Town	Mitcham
County	Surrey
Postcode	CR4 4BU
Phone	0208 648 7760
Email	info@prisonerseducation.org.uk

Organisation	STARTUP
Name of grant/loan	Startupnow for Women
Website Address	www.startupnow.org.uk
Who can apply	Those who are nearing the end of their sentence or who have been recently released, would like to become self-employed and have an idea that they would like to develop. Currently we are focused on women with Startupnow for Women and hope to support men with Startupnow for Men by the end of 2012.
What can be funded	Startup provides a full suite of support to ex-offenders to help them become self-employed, including: business advice, access to financial services, ICT and peer mentoring. Funding is available for essential equipment or training.
How to apply	Write to Gill Ryan at Startup with details of your current situation and your business idea.
Key dates	Apply at any time.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	All correspondence will be acknowledged.
Notes	Applications will be prioritised if supported by the prison, business education providers in prison, or partners such as probation, rehabilitation or resettlement agencies. We support Clients in a wide range of self-employment options including: Hair & Beauty, Catering, Gardening, Painting & Decorating, Cleaning and Photography but are happy to discuss all realistic ideas.
From a Grant recipient	On my release I was put in contact with Startup and its been all go since. They have given me financial support with my business guidance and opportunities and have made it possible for me to turn my life around.
Who to apply to	Gill Ryan, Client Support Manager
Address	Startup 6a Buttermarket
Town	Thame
County	Oxon
Postcode	OX9 3EW
Phone	01844 279548
Email	gryan@startupnow.org.uk

Organisation	WOMEN IN PRISON (WIP)
Name of grant/loan	BIS Educational and Material Bursary
Website Address	www.womeninprison.org.uk
Who can apply	All women in prisons and women ex-offenders in the community.
What can be funded	Awards are usually around £250 towards distance learning fees/college fees on day release or college in the community that are BIS approved. A £125 grant is available for course materials.
What is not funded	Courses that are offered by the prison education department.
How to apply	Women need to meet an Education Advisor during their routine prison visits to discuss their career plan and to devise an individual education plan (IEP). The application is discussed with the education department. Women may self refer to the project by letter, telephone or during WIP visits to the prison. Referrals are also made by outside agencies and prison staff. Successful applications are processed within two weeks of the initial IEP meeting.
Key dates	The grant is available all year.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	All applicants will receive a response to their request within 7 working days.
Notes	In addition to funding, WIP offers a variety of other services to women prisoners including resettlement advice and support and a national magazine for women prisoners.
Who to apply to	Women in Prison Ltd.
Address	Women in Prison Unit 10, The Ivories Northampton Street
Town	London
Postcode	N1 2HY
Phone	0207 359 6674
Email	admin@womeninprison.org.uk

Organisation**WOMEN'S CAREERS FOUNDATION****Who can apply**

Female only aged 21-55. Women prisoners within this age group can apply.

What can be funded

A one-off grant towards the costs relating to study courses. Examples of courses that we have funded include: film making, performing arts, carpentry, nutrition and marine science.

What is not funded

A second degree or PhD.

How to apply

In writing, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Please note: Applications will be automatically declined if the application has not been submitted the requested one year prior to support being needed.

Key dates

Applications must be made between 1st September and 31st January for the following academic year.

Notes

Between 20-26 grants with an average value of £250 are made each year, very occasionally funding women prisoners.

Who to apply to

Mrs B Hayward, Secretary

Address

Women's Careers Foundation

2 Watchoak

Blackham

Town

Tunbridge Wells

County

Kent

Postcode

TN3 9PT

Organisation	AL-MIZAN CHARITABLE TRUST
Name of grant/loan	Prisoner Training Fund (PTF)
Website Address	www.almizantrust.org.uk
Specific geographical area covered	HMP Manchester, HMP Styal, HMP Forest Bank, HMP Wymott, HMP Kirkham, HMP Lancaster Farms and HMP Hindley.
Who can apply	Applicants must meet ALL the following criteria: You must be a serving prisoner (either a British citizen or a foreign national) in custody of Her Majesty's Prison Service in one of the seven prisons in North-West England listed above; have demonstrated good behaviour and/or have taken part in a regular programme of academic or vocational learning, work or skills development workshops; have successfully acquired match-funding and/or made a personal contribution to your training costs.
What can be funded	The Trust offers grants of up to £200 for prisoners and detainees who are looking to access funding for vocational courses and/or books in prison that will assist their personal development and/or rehabilitation.
How to apply	In order to submit an application to the Prisoners Training Fund, you must request a member of staff at the prison to download and print an official application form from the trust's website (www.almizantrust.org.uk). The trust will not post application forms to individual prisoners. You should complete all questions on the form – incomplete applications will not be considered. Completed forms can either be posted to the address below or scanned by your referee as a single PDF file and sent by email to grants@almizantrust.org.uk .
Key dates	Applications are considered in March and September each year. The deadline for receipt of applications is the 15th of the previous month. Applications received after the deadline will be allocated to the next round of grant-making.
Notes	Applications forms may be completed by a member of staff at the prison on behalf of a serving prisoner, but we do expect the prisoner to write a supporting letter or note. We appreciate and recognise that some applicants may struggle to write well in English. For successful applicants, after your course has ended, we will ask you to complete a Monitoring Form. If we are satisfied with your progress, we will issue you a cheque of £5 to add to your canteen.
Who to apply to	Al-Mizan Charitable Trust
Address	2 Burlington Gardens
Town	London
Postcode	W3 6BA
Email	grants@almizantrust.org.uk

Organisation	BISHOP DAVID SHEPPARD TENTH ANNIVERSARY TRUST
Specific geographical area covered	Anglican Diocese of Liverpool only.
Who can apply	Men & women over the age of 21 who are living within the Anglican Diocese of Liverpool and who are seeking a second chance of learning. The grants, which are not available to graduates, are to help people into training for jobs (e.g. HGV licence) or back into education if they have had a break from it due to various circumstances.
What can be funded	The books, equipment, stationery, etc that are required for the course either vocational or academic that the applicant is undertaking.
What is not funded	Fees for full time courses, childcare, travel are not usually funded.
How to apply	By application form submitted by individual directly to the administrator. All applicants are asked to come to see administrator for a short informal discussion. References are needed from College or Training Centre for course/training.
Key dates	Trustees meet two times in the year to make grants October and March. Cut off date for applications is usually ten days prior to the Trustees meeting.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	Aim always to respond to correspondence.
Notes	Will fund men and women who have been released and living in the Anglican Diocese of Liverpool. The Anglican Diocese of Liverpool covers Liverpool, Southport, Kirkby, St Helens, Warrington, Ormskirk, Skelmersdale, Wigan & Widnes.
Who to apply to	The Administrator
Address	The Bishop David Sheppard Tenth Anniversary Trust c/o Diocese of Liverpool, St James' House 20 St James Road
Town	Liverpool
Postcode	L1 7BY

Organisation	GREGGS FOUNDATION
Name of grant/loan	Hardship Fund
Website Address	www.greggsfoundation.org.uk
Specific geographical area covered	The North East only
Who can apply	The person in need (which may include ex-offenders) must live in the North East of England and be in extreme social need. Priority is given to children and families.
What can be funded	Grants of between £50-£150 and are given for essential items such as washing machines, cookers, furniture, fridges, carpets, baby equipment, clothing, school uniforms.
What is not funded	Payment of debts, rent bonds, computer equipment, sponsorship or overseas expeditions.
How to apply	Applications should be made on behalf of a client by a welfare agency, e.g., social services, probation service, citizen's advice bureau, victim support, health, disability and housing projects and other such organisations. The application form can be completed on our website.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	We let all applicants know the outcome of their application by post within three weeks of submission.
Who to apply to	Grants Manager
Address	Greggs Foundation Fernwood House Clayton Road
Town	Jesmond
County	Newcastle upon Tyne
Postcode	NE2 1TL
Phone	0191 212 7626
Email	greggsfoundation@greggs.co.uk

Organisation	NORTHERN PINETREE TRUST
Name of grant/loan	Spirit of Enterprise Loan Fund
Website Address	northernpinetreetrust.co.uk
Specific geographical area covered	Principally North East England
Who can apply	Any person who has a disability or is disadvantaged in the labour market because of their health, circumstances or situation.
What can be funded	Unsecured business loans £1,000 - £5,000. (Normally c.£2500) Fixed interest rate currently 10% repayable up to 3 years. Loans can be for capital, revenue /running expenses. In some circumstances we can provide a small business start up grant or help accessing other mainstream and specialist sources of loans and grants.
What is not funded	Personal loans
How to apply	Download an application form from our website or call on 0191 492 8219/15 and we will provide an application form.
Key dates	We offer a roll-on roll-off programme.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	E mail, letter or telephone.
Notes	In addition to our access to business finance programme we can provide a range of business and enterprise programmes helping create an awareness about working for oneself as a work option. This extends to enterprise coaching and mentoring through to business planning and business start up. Some businesses we have recently assisted include shoe-shine, executive chauffeur, health-care provider, florist, builder, retailer, horticulture/gardening, caterer etc.
Who to apply to	Spirit Of Enterprise Loan Fund
Address	Spirit of Enterprise c/o Northern Pinetree Trust The Pinetree Centre Durham Road
Town	Birtley
County	Durham
Postcode	DH3 2TD
Phone	0191 492 8219/15
Email	manager@pinetree-centre.co.uk

Organisation	SHERBURN HOUSE CHARITY
Name of grant/loan	Relief in Need - grants for individuals in need
Website Address	www.sherburnhouse.org
Specific geographical area covered	The North East of England only (between the rivers Tees and Tweed) [South of the river Tees is outside our area]
Who can apply	Referrals must come from a third party on behalf of the person in need who must live in the North East of England and be in extreme social need.
What can be funded	Grants are given for essential items such as washing machines, cookers, fridges, furniture, carpets, decorating materials, baby equipment, clothing, school uniforms.
What is not funded	Payment of debts, rent bonds, arrears, central heating, driving licence, specialist medical equipment, funeral expenses (unless there are exceptional circumstances), sponsorship or overseas expeditions.
How to apply	Applications should be made on behalf of a client by a welfare agency e.g. social services, probation service, citizens advice bureau, victim support. Application forms can be downloaded from our website www.sherburnhouse.org by telephoning 0191 372 2551 or by email admin@sherburnhouse.org
Who to apply to	The Administrative Secretary
Address	Sherburn House Charity Ramsey House Sherburn Hospital
Town	Durham
Postcode	DH1 2SE
Phone	0191 372 2551
Email	admin@sherburnhouse.org

Organisation	STANHOPE CASTLE SCHOOL CHARITABLE TRUST
Name of grant/loan	Stanhope Castle
Website Address	www.cdcf.org.uk
Specific geographical area covered	County Durham and Darlington, Hartlepool, Redcar & Cleveland, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Gateshead, South Tyneside or Sunderland.
Who can apply	Young people (under 25 including those who are currently in YOIs or prisons anywhere in England or Wales) who are or have been in the care of County Durham and Darlington, Hartlepool, Redcar & Cleveland, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Gateshead, South Tyneside or Sunderland Local Authorities for at least six months.
What can be funded	Grants of up to £1,000 per person to support educational and training activities. These include: educational or tuition (including university) fees, study aids or equipment; bursaries to participate at a regional, national or international level in your chosen field; driving or motorbike lessons where you can prove either an extensive interest in car or motorbike mechanics or have been offered employment for which you will need a driving licence.
What is not funded	Holidays, driving lessons where there is no actual job offer or active interest in mechanics, uniforms, clearance of arrears or debt, equipment that is not directly linked to training or education, any activity that is the duty of a local authority to provide, anything that is retrospective.
How to apply	Application forms are available to download from the website or by calling the office. The application must be completed by the individual applying for the grant. If this is not possible, please ask someone else to help you e.g. your social worker or carer.
Key dates	Rolling programme – no deadlines.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	Receipt of applications is not acknowledged, though applicants are welcome to call the office to make sure we have received their forms. Applicants will be contacted by phone during assessment process
Notes	Please complete the form as fully as possible, particularly the budget section.
Who to apply to	County Durham Community Foundation
Address	County Durham Community Foundation Victoria House, Whitfield Court St John's Road
Town	Meadowfield, Durham
Postcode	DH7 8XL
Phone	0191 378 6400
Email	info@cdcf.org.uk

<i>Organisation</i>	HARRY JAMES RIDDLESTON CHARITY OF LEICESTER
<i>Specific geographical area covered</i>	Leicestershire and Rutland only.
<i>Who can apply</i>	Applicants must be over 21 and under the age of 35 and may be ex-offenders or prisoners within days of their release provided they have a home in Leicestershire or Rutland.
<i>What can be funded</i>	An interest free loan to help start up a small business. Grants are not available.
<i>How to apply</i>	Only if eligible according to the above criteria, contact the Charity at the address below.
<i>Policy on acknowledging correspondence</i>	Will always aim to respond.
<i>Who to apply to</i>	Mrs Elizabeth Bass
<i>Address</i>	Harry James Riddleston Charity of Leicester 44 High Street
<i>Town</i>	Market Harborough
<i>County</i>	Leicestershire
<i>Postcode</i>	LE16 7AH
<i>Phone</i>	01858 463322

Organisation	SIR THOMAS WHITE LOAN CHARITY
Website Address	www.stwcharity.co.uk
Specific geographical area covered	Leicestershire and Rutland only.
Who can apply	Any prisoner on the verge of release and any ex-offender in the UK who is over 18 and under 35 who wishes to set up a business in Leicestershire or Rutland or undertake post-graduate study, who has a real need for loan charity funds and without which the project or study could not proceed.
What can be funded	Business loans up to £15,000, interest free for nine years. We also provide loans up to £6,000 interest free for graduates aged over 18 and under 35 who have lived in Leicestershire or Rutland for five years and who are studying/wanting to study for a higher degree.
What is not funded	Only the above qualify for loans.
How to apply	Telephone us or visit our website for application details. You will need up to four guarantors for the loan, depending on the amount of the loan. Once completed, return the application form. An interview will be arranged with a small group of Trustees so you can explain why you require the loan. If you are successful you and your guarantors will sign a joint and several bond. There is a payment free period of 3 years and then the loan must be repaid by equal monthly instalments over the remaining 6 years with no interest charged.
Key dates	Interviews take place in February, May, August and November. Applications are required at least four weeks prior to the interview dates.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	We aim to acknowledge all correspondence.
Notes	Some businesses we've recently assisted include, coffee house, florist, shoe retailer, costume designer, electrician, hairdresser, chiropodist, restaurant, plumber, accountant and landscape gardener.
Who to apply to	Miss Barbara Amos
Address	Sir Thomas White Loan Charity 1 Mill Lane
Town	Leicester
County	Leicestershire
Postcode	LE2 7HU
Phone	01162046620
Email	barbara.amos@stwcharity.co.uk

Organisation	BUCKS ASSOCIATION FOR THE CARE OF OFFENDERS (BACO)
Website Address	www.baco.org.uk
Specific geographical area covered	Buckinghamshire.
Who can apply	Serving prisoners in Buckinghamshire prisons, HMP Grendon and Springhill, HMP/YOI Aylesbury, HMP Woodhill and ex-offenders on probation in Bucks.
What can be funded	Education needs, trade tools/clothing, work training, clothes, household needs on release, travel costs.
What is not funded	What is already funded by the Prison/Probation Services.
How to apply	By email or in writing. Grant applications should be supported by a prison officer/probation officer.
Key dates	May apply any time during the year.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	All applications from those eligible to apply will be acknowledged.
Notes	BACO has recently received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.
From a Grant recipient	I would like to take the chance to thank you. My family also thank you as it will mean I can travel with ease to see them, benefiting everyone. Keep up the good work and I pray you continue to bring light into peoples' lives as you have mine.
Who to apply to	BACO Grants Secretary
Address	BACO (Bucks Association for the Care of Offenders) Foundation House 119A Bicester Road
Town	Aylesbury
County	Buckinghamshire
Postcode	HP19 9BA
Email	enquiries@baco.org.uk

Organisation	DAVID ISAACS FUND
Specific geographical area covered	Inner London only
Who can apply	Men and women suffering financial hardship who come to the notice of a District Judge or Coroner, presiding at an Inner London or City of London Court.
What can be funded	Grants for furniture and domestic items, usually obtained from charity sources. Clothing from value for money stores such as Primark, Matalan, George at Asda. Tools, training courses and second-hand computers, which could lead to employment. Any applications over £300 have to go before the Grants Committee.
How to apply	Contact the Secretary with a request for an application form. It is helpful if an estimate of individual costs is provided on the application form before it is submitted to a District Judge or Coroner.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	The Secretary will acknowledge receipt of application form signed by District Judge or Coroner. Cheque will be sent to applicant's organisation by the Treasurer of the Fund.
Notes	Applicants will not be given cash, rather the organisation supporting the application will arrange payment to the supplier.
From a Grant recipient	Thanks for your generosity. I now have carpet in my bedroom and my front room for the first time in three years. I can't convey how happy this has made me feel and how this has improved the quality of my life.
Who to apply to	Peter Goodday Esq.
Address	David Isaacs Fund Chief Magistrate's Office, Westminster Magistrates Court 181 Marylebone Road
Town	London
Postcode	NW1 5BR

Organisation	DRESS FOR SUCCESS - LONDON
Website Address	www.dressforsuccess.org.uk
Specific geographical area covered	London
Who can apply	Women in need of suitable clothing for interview, including women offenders and ex-offenders in prison or living in or close to London.
What can be funded	Suitable clothes for interview.
How to apply	Via partner organisations such as job centres, job training programmes or for example via the job club at HMP East Sutton Park.
Notes	In addition to our interview suiting programme, clients are offered additional clothing to create an appropriate workplace wardrobe upon securing employment. Dress for Success London offers one to one CV writing skills and mock interview sessions, a variety of workshops and a mentoring programme.
From a Grant recipient	I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff. You have all been terrific. Without your help I probably wouldn't have got my job which is my future.
Who to apply to	Dress for Success – London
Address	Unit 9 89 Shepperton Road
Town	London
Postcode	N1 3DF
Phone	0207 288 1770
Email	london@dressforsuccess.org

Organisation	ROYAL LONDON SOCIETY
Name of grant/loan	EaST Grants (Employment & Skill Training)
Website Address	www.royallondonsociety.org.uk
Specific geographical area covered	London and the South East
Who can apply	Prisoners serving in London or South East prisons or prisoners intending to live in London or South East on release or ex-offenders living in London or South East supervised by Probation Service.
What can be funded	Grants to be used for Vocational, Employment and Skill Training that will significantly increase or secure employment opportunities. "Tools of Trade" and "Travel to Work" grants are considered where appropriate; some grants are of a therapeutic nature.
What is not funded	Accommodation costs including rent or deposits, debts, loans or fines of any kind, household/domestic items, computer equipment unless employment related, driving lessons unless employment related, personal clothing unless employment related, Open University or distance learning unless employment related.
How to apply	Application Forms together with current guidelines and timetables are available as a "download" via the Royal London Society web site - www.royallondonsociety.org.uk . Completed applications must also include letters of reference from an independent person(s) in the prison, i.e. Wing Officer or Personal Officer and also be supported by Education / Resettlement Teams. Applications from those not in prison must be supported by Probation/Supervisory Officers or other community agencies.
Key dates	See web site for details of closing dates, there are four reviews each year.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	All applications are acknowledged and given a confidential reference number which should be quoted in subsequent correspondence and/or telephone contacts. All applicants are notified of the outcome of their application.
Who to apply to	Grant Administrator
Address	Royal London Society 71a Knightsbridge
Town	London
Postcode	SW1X 7RB
Phone	01622 230 737
Email	office@royallondonsociety.org.uk

Organisation	SCOTSCARE, THE CHARITY FOR SCOTS IN LONDON
Website Address	www.scotscare.com
Specific geographical area covered	Anywhere up to 35 miles away from Charing Cross in Central London.
Who can apply	Prison Support Staff or Probation Officers on behalf of prisoners or ex-offenders who are Scottish or the child of Scottish person and currently living within 35 miles of Charing Cross. Clients can also self refer.
What can be funded	Training that leads to employment or the possibility of employment, clothing for job interviews, household goods, student grants, funds for any other purpose can be discussed with the duty worker.
How to apply	You may apply direct or via a referral from your support worker. It is probably best to ring the freephone number below to check for your eligibility and on how to follow through the application process.
Key dates	None.
Who to apply to	Scotscare
Address	22 City Road
Town	London
Postcode	EC1Y 2AJ
Phone	020 7240 3718 or freephone 0800 652 2989
Email	dutyworker@scotscare.com

Organisation	SHERIFFS' AND RECORDER'S FUND
Website Address	www.srfund.org.uk
Specific geographical area covered	Greater London only.
Who can apply	Ex-offenders, and offenders serving community sentences under licence in Greater London, or dependants of offenders resident in Greater London.
What can be funded	Small grants (usually between £100 and £400). Grants for training, tools of a trade, welfare, including household equipment, white goods, furnishings and clothing.
What is not funded	Only within the above criteria. Outstanding debts, rent, passports, items covered by the NHS such as spectacles are specifically not funded.
How to apply	By application form, from Probation Officers (or other Social Workers). Individuals cannot apply directly.
Key dates	n/a
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	We acknowledge correspondence.
Notes	
From a Grant recipient	“Thank you and the Sheriffs’ and Recorder’s Fund for your generous gift enabling me to replace my lost driving licence and purchase much needed clothes. I have now gained employment and am reintegrating back into mainstream society.”
Who to apply to	The Administrator
Address	Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund Central Criminal Court Old Bailey
Town	London
Postcode	EC4M 7BS
Phone	0207 248 3277
Email	secretary@srfund.net

Organisation	SIR JOHN AND LADY HEATHCOAT AMORY'S CHARITABLE TRUST
Specific geographical area covered	HMP The Verne only.
Who can apply	Prisoners at HMP The Verne.
What can be funded	Small grants usually not more than £50, to help with educational courses or equipment.
How to apply	By letter to the address below.
From a Grant recipient	“Thank you so much – you have been wonderful and supportive towards my future.”
Who to apply to	Lady Amory
Address	Sir John and Lady Heathcoat Amory's Charitable Trust The Island Lowman Green
Town	Tiverton
County	Devon
Postcode	EX16 4LA

Organisation	BLANTYRE HOUSE VOCATIONAL FUND
Specific geographical area covered	HMP Blantyre House only.
Who can apply	Prisoners at HMP Blantyre House.
What can be funded	Courses and vocational training.
What is not funded	Clothing and welfare.
How to apply	Visit the Information, Advice and Guidance office within the prison and a staff member will guide you through the process.
Key dates	Applications received at any time and held by IAG department until the next interview date.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	IAG department deal with all correspondence relating to interviews and outcome of applications.
Notes	Subject to funds being available, the BHVF interview applicants on a quarterly basis and may match fund up to £500. Funding for driving lessons is limited to match funding of £250.
Who to apply to	Mrs Jackie Winner
Address	HMP Blantyre House Horden Goudhurst
Town	Cranbrook
County	Kent
Postcode	TN17 2NH
Phone	01580 213327
Email	jackie.winner@hmps.gsi.gov.uk

Organisation	COMMUNITY ACTION ISLE OF WIGHT
Name of grant/loan	Helping Hands Grant
Website Address	www.communityactioniow.org.uk
Specific geographical area covered	Isle of Wight only.
Who can apply	Ex-offenders who return to live on the Isle of Wight.
What can be funded	Small grant max £50 that can be used for various purposes, for example, clothing.
What is not funded	Rent, or retrospective funding.
How to apply	Only through a statutory agency such as probation, Wessex Youth Offending Team, or Isle of Wight Social Services.
Key dates	Assessed fortnightly.
Policy on acknowledging correspondence	All applications are acknowledged through the submitting agency.
Who to apply to	Community Action Isle of Wight
Address	3, Langley Court Pyle Street
Town	Newport
County	Isle of Wight
Postcode	PO30 1LA
Phone	01983 539371
Email	mail@actioniw.org.uk

Organisation	SURREY CARE TRUST
Name of grant/loan	Crisis Grants.
Website Address	www.surreycaretrust.org.uk
Specific geographical area covered	Surrey only.
Who can apply	A referring officer from Surrey County Council's Services for Families, or Surrey & Sussex Probation Trust on behalf of any man or woman recently released from prison who is living in Surrey.
What can be funded	A Crisis Grant is intended to meet an immediate, one-off need generally in the range of £50 – £200 (maximum) for equipment or clothing for work, etc.
What is not funded	Under no circumstances will grants be given: (1) when applications are made in respect of an educational course which should normally be funded by the Local Authority. This would include correspondence courses. (2) for outstanding bills (fuel/utility), rent arrears, bad debts, holidays, respite care, funeral expenses, deposits to secure rented accommodation, removal expenses, court fines, items or services which need funding on an ongoing and continual basis.
How to apply	Applications will only be accepted on an official Crisis Grants Application Form, which has been submitted via a referring officer from one of the agencies listed above. Applications are to be completed in full, be specific and must include details of costs. Applications will be looked at more favourably if they contain evidence of cost effectiveness. Receipts must be provided. Cheques cannot be made payable to the recipient but will be made payable to the referring agency or other official body.
Key dates	Applications are received at any time. Crisis Grants aims to make a decision on an award within three working days.
From a Grant recipient	"Thank you for your ongoing support, Nick can now complete his fork lift training."
Who to apply to	Penny Brackley
Address	Surrey Care Trust 1 Old Elstead Road Milford
Town	Godalming
County	Surrey
Postcode	GU8 5EE
Phone	07825410667
Email	penny.brackley@surreycaretrust.org.uk



*Two prisoners assigning cells to new inmates on their arrival using information collected on a questionnaire.
HMP Wandsworth.*

Other Places to Look for Funding Support

OTHER FUNDING DIRECTORIES, FUNDER DATABASES AND SOME OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

A variety of fund-raising directories can be found at:

Organisation

DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL CHANGE (DSC)

24 Stephenson Way

London

NW1 2DP

Phone

020 7391 4800

Email

info@dsc.org.uk

The two which may be of particular help are, The Guide for Individuals in Need 2011/12 and The Educational Grants Directory 2011/12.

DSC directories can also be purchased online at **www.dsc.org.uk**

If you are in London you might wish to visit the small resource centre at the DSC and do your own research from the directories which are available there for public use. Opening times can be found on the DSC website.

Organisation

TURN2US

This online directory of potential funders is easy to use and includes small funders who may provide grants to individuals in need according to geographical location or previous employment. The online directory also has a tool that enables the user to determine his/ her state benefit entitlement.

Website address

www.turn2us.org.uk

Three other websites and online directories you may wish to try:

Advice Resources Funding Directory.

www.adviceresources-fundingdirectory.co.uk

Family Action's educational grants database.

www.family-action-trustsearch.org.uk

Student Cash Point is a FREE website that includes information and advice on thousands of funding opportunities available to help students across the UK with both college and university costs - from book and course fees to accommodation and more!

www.studentcashpoint.co.uk

OTHER PLACES TO LOOK

Directories that offer guidance on how to find funds for students or for individuals in need may also be available to the public in the reference section of your public library. Your local Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) or Rural Community Council (RCC) may have an advisor who can help direct you to possible funding sources. Your local CVS or RCC may also have funding databases that are accessible to the public.

OTHER POSSIBLE PLACES TO GO TO FIND SMALL SCALE FUNDING SUPPORT

If you know where you will be when you are released from prison, then think about seeing if your local faith community (church/mosque/synagogue/temple etc.) can help you by providing some material assistance either directly or by putting you in contact with some affiliated charity.

It may be worth speaking to one of your prison chaplains before you are released, to ask for the name of a minister and to write with your request ahead of your release. If you decide to write to the minister you might ask for example if they know of anyone who will help provide some smart job interview clothing or some specific furnishing for your house or flat. Don't be shy to ask the minister for whatever it is you think you will need to aid you in your resettlement. He or she may be able to help.....at worst they can only say no!

ORGANISATIONS THAT DO NOT MAKE GRANTS TO INDIVIDUAL PRISONERS

Organisation	Comment
Acorn Trust	This Trust no longer in existence and all funds have been distributed.
Albany Visual Arts Awards	All funds already allocated therefore no funds available.
Alchemy Foundation	Does not make grants to individual prisoners.
Aldo Trust	Now gives through the DofE Awards and through other charities that help prisoners
Alexis Trust	No longer gives to prisoners.
Allen Lane Foundation	Does not make grants to individuals.
Ashden Trust	Has ceased to exist.
Avenue Trust	All funds already allocated, therefore no funds available.
Barbed - Voluntary Deductions Fund	Has ceased to exist.
Baring Foundation	Does not give to prisoners.
Barony Charitable Trust	Does not give to prisoners.
Beatrice Laing Trust	Does not give directly to prisoners.
Birds Charity	Does not offer funding to prisoners.
British Telecom	Does not fund individuals.
Bromley Trust	Does not give directly to prisoners however funds a number of charities in the penal sector.
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation	Does not give to individuals.
City Parochial Foundation (Trust for London)	Does not offer funding to individuals.
Crafts Council	Does not give grants to individuals.
Cripps Foundation	Do not fund individuals.
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	Do not fund individual prisoners though have supported Koestler Awards over a number of years.
Dathcelor Trust (now the Clothworkers)	Do not give to individuals.
Elsie Talbot Bridge Will Trust	Does not give to individual prisoners.

Organisations that Do Not Make Grants to Individual Prisoners

Esso Petroleum UK	Does not provide grants to prisoners.
Fox Memorial Trust	Has ceased to exist.
Fund for Human Need	Do not fund prisoners. Limited funds available for asylum seekers & homeless as well as a few personal distress grants.
Gane Charitable Trust	No longer fund individual prisoner.
Gilchrist Educational Trust	Does not fund individual prisoners.
Goldsmiths Company Charity	Does not give directly to prisoners.
Hilda Martindale Charitable Trust	No longer funds individual prisoners.
Hilden Charitable Trust	Does not give grants to individuals.
Holly Hill Charitable Trust	Does not give grants to individuals
Hugh Gaitskell Education Foundation	Has ceased to exist.
J Anthony Clark Charitable Foundation	Has ceased to exist.
Jesse Spencer Charitable Trust	No longer gives directly to individual prisoners. Remains supportive of Trusts that fund prisoners.
Jill Franklin Trust	No longer gives directly to individual prisoners. Now gives through another charity.
John Ellerman Foundation	No grants to individuals.
Laura Ashley Foundation	Does not make grants to prisoners.
Leicester General Charities	Letter returned by Royal Mail. Unable to deliver to address given.
Lloyds Bank Charitable Trust	Has ceased to exist.
Lyndhurst Settlement	This settlement having distributed all its funds has been wound up.
Mackintosh Foundation	Does not give to individuals.
Mary Kinross Charitable Trust	Does not make grants to individuals.
Morris Leigh Foundation	Don't accept applications from prisoners.
Nancy Balfour Trust	Has ceased to exist.
Newby Trust Ltd	No longer gives directly to individual prisoners.
Norton Trust	Has ceased to exist.
Ormiston	Does not fund individuals.
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	Does not give to individual prisoners.
Paul Stephenson Memorial Trust	No longer gives directly to prisoners.

Organisations that Do Not Make Grants to Individual Prisoners

Perry Foundation	Has ceased to exist.
Pinkney Charitable Trust	Has ceased to exist.
Priory Foundation	Does not encourage unsolicited approaches.
Richard Newitt Fund	No longer gives to individuals. Now gives a number of University hardship funds.
Rosalind Franklin Bequest	Has ceased to exist.
Saxham Trust	No longer gives directly to individual prisoners. Now gives through another charity.
Sir Halley Stewart Trust	Does not fund individual prisoners.
Sir John Cass's Foundation	Does not give directly to individual prisoners. Now gives through another charity.
Sure Foundation	No longer makes grant to prisoners.
Swan Mountain Trust	No longer gives directly to individual prisoners. Now gives through another charity.
Talbot House Trust	Does not fund individual prisoners.
Thomas Wall Trust	Supports a number of charities that run projects in the field of prisoner education however the Trust does not make grants directly to prisoners.
Vandervell Foundation	Now gives through other charities that help prisoners.
Wates Foundation	Does not give directly to prisoners however do fund a large number of projects within the criminal justice system.
W. E. D. Charitable Trust	Also known as W. E. Dunn Charitable Trust - no longer makes grants directly to prisoners.
William Johnston Trust	Funds are fully committed and are likely to be for some time.

**Sources of
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(THE) CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

www.citizensadvice.org.uk

‘I wouldn’t have been able to sort out my problems without the bureau. I feel more confident about release now because I know there is help outside.’ (prisoner)

The Citizens Advice Bureau, (CAB), service provides free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities. It values diversity, promotes equality and challenges discrimination. The CAB service aims to provide the advice people need for the problems they face, and to improve the policies and practices that affect people’s lives. Bureau workers give generalist and holistic advice and can also access specialist help for example from solicitors, immigration officers and housing departments. Some bureau have specialist debt workers and some offer ‘Financial Skills for Life’ short courses on how to manage your money. CABs deliver advice face to face, as well as by telephone, and email. The Service also provides advice through Adviceguide, at **www.adviceguide.org.uk** including a series of fact sheets specially developed for prisoners.

There is a network of 360 CAB across England and Wales working in over 3,500 high street and other locations, including prisons, bail and probation hostels and county courts. Currently, CAB provide advice in 34 prisons, and 11 CAB provide advice to people on probation and a further 69 CAB provide advice to ex-offenders. If you want to get advice post release, it is best to go to your local CAB branch and find out how their system works. It may have a drop in or an appointment session or a mixture of both and there should be a leaflet describing this. What you choose to disclose will be treated according to the Citizens Advice policy on confidentiality. The aim is for all those who walk in seeking advice to feel included, never excluded.

Information about the contact details for local Citizens Advice Bureau branches are listed on the Citizens Advice national website or under ‘C’ in the phone book.

Organisations that Provide Information or Advice on a Range of Money Matters**CRISIS**

Crisis maintains a database of voluntary sector organisations and local authorities that operate private rented sector access schemes for people who wish to rent in the private sector but are unable to find a deposit or rent in advance. Go

to <http://www.privaterentedsector.org.uk/schemes.asp> to find details of other schemes around the UK.

If there is not a scheme in your area or you do not fit their specific client criteria, your local Citizens Advice Bureau may know of other private rented sector access schemes and your local council may also be able to help.

DEBT ACTION NI

Debt Action NI is an Advice NI project that has been operating since 2009. Since then we have been able to help 5,500 people deal with over £100.5 million in debt. Debt Action NI is aimed at helping the most financially vulnerable in Northern Ireland. We are funded by Department of Enterprise, Trade & Investment and supported by our members and Payplan, the UK's largest provider of free debt solutions, including Debt Management Plans (DMP's) and Individual Voluntary Arrangements (IVA's). The purpose of the project is to help people manage their debts better and empower people to become more financially capable by taking control of their own finances.

Debt Action NI advisers provide a free, confidential and impartial service open to anyone concerned about their finances. It is an integrated service with a number of access options. People can call our Freephone helpline 0800 917 4607 to speak directly to an adviser between 8.00 am and 9.00 pm Monday to Friday and 9.00 am to 3.00pm on a Saturday. They can log onto our dedicated website, www.debtaction-ni.net and send an appointment request, email an adviser or interact with our virtual adviser. We also have a list of the contact details and location of advisers in your local area on our website. People can also text the word 'Action' to 81025 and an adviser will call them back. Advisers offer face to face appointments and home visits to those who are most vulnerable.

Advice NI is the membership body for the independent advice sector in Northern Ireland. We have 65 members that provide advice on a range of issues including Benefits, employment and housing. You can search for members on our website

<http://www.adviceni.net/advice/searchcounty.cfm/county/Co.%20Antrim>.

Organisations that Provide Information or Advice on a Range of Money Matters**JOBCENTRE PLUS**

A Jobcentre Plus Prison Surgery Advisor is generally available to see individual prisoners or groups of prisoners at certain times during the week or month to give information and advice regarding:

- any training and any employment/work related enquiry that relates to getting him/her back into mainstream employment, as well as
- any enquiries relating to benefits, allowances and grants.

To find out whether a Jobcentre Plus Prison Surgery Advisor visits your particular establishment, speak to an officer who has particular responsibility for resettlement.

LEICESTER CHARITY LINK

www.charity-link.org

LCL provides an expert gateway to the many charities that exist to help people in need in Leicestershire and Rutland. Through this service they link these charities to applicants in order to obtain "one-off" grants to help relieve hardship. These grants are used to provide people in need with essential items such as clothing, beds, cookers and other household goods. Probation officers or other support workers acting on behalf of offenders and ex-offenders living in Leicestershire and Rutland, may access our service by completing an application form which can be downloaded from our website.

Leicester Charity Link

20a Millstone Lane

Leicester

LE1 5JN

Phone

0116 222 2200

(between 9am and 12 noon and 2pm and 4.30pm, weekdays.)

Email

info@charity-link.org

Organisations that Provide Information or Advice on a Range of Money Matters**NIACE - NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION**

www.niace.org.uk

Seeks to promote offender learning.

NIACE has a range of resources to help and inform an offender. They are very diverse from E-learning Guides to money management products, help and advice about becoming self-employed or an introduction to a great range of 'Quick Reads'.

The financial literacy products are particularly popular.

'Let's Talk About Money – Your Money Guide' aims to help offenders and their family get to grips with some of the basics of money and gives some guidance on how best to manage it so that they can make the most of what they have. <http://www.niace.org.uk/current-work/lets-talk-about-money>

A prison sentence should not be a barrier to an offender considering being self-employed, 'Let's Talk about Self Employment' <http://www.niace.org.uk/current-work/lets-talk-about-self-employment> offers help, advice and sign posting to organisations who can offer assistance just before and on release.

'Thinking About how to manage your money' is specifically for young offenders. There is a range of animations that cover a number of scenarios that a young offender will experience, in and outside of prison, with supporting information.

www.niace.org.uk/development-research/k2-project

All of the guides have very good websites with download facilities that are available via the Virtual Campus. They focus on the financial needs of offenders in a number of different situations and are particularly helpful during the resettlement period of a sentence.

To find out more about these and other NIACE's products contact

Organisations that Provide Information or Advice on a Range of Money Matters**(THE) NATIONAL OFFENDERS FAMILIES HELPLINE****www.offendersfamilieshelpline.org**

Provides information and support for families of offenders from the point of arrest to release across England and Wales.

All calls are free from landlines and mobiles, and confidential. Callers can also access a translation service.

The helpline can give information about many issues related to imprisonment including signposting worried families who are looking for funding for ex-prisoners on release.

The helpline can also give financial information to families when their situation changes if for example their partner is imprisoned. This includes information and signposting to organisations that can help ex-offenders get a bank account and ex-offenders and their families, insurance.

Phone

0808 808 2003

Mon - Friday 9am - 8pm

Sat and Sun 10am - 3.00 pm

Email**info@offendersfamilieshelpline.org**

Organisations that Provide Information or Advice on a Range of Money Matters**SSAFA FORCES HELP**

www.ssafa.org.uk

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) Forces Help is the National Charity helping and supporting those who serve in our Armed Forces, those who used to serve and the families of both. One day's paid service in any of our Armed Forces is all that is needed to qualify for assistance from SSAFA Forces Help. This includes those who serve in our Reserve Forces and anyone who did National Service as well as the spouses, ex-spouses, widows and widowers, and dependents of those who have served.

We act as a case-working charity between client and service benevolent funds to raise funds for particular needs and signpost on to other relevant organizations where necessary.

We CAN help with: immediate needs; household items; essential items; help towards training costs; help towards work equipment; priority debts.

We CANNOT help with: quality of life items; cash grants. We do not have accommodation, but can provide support and advice in this area if required. This is not something we can guarantee however.

SSAFA Forces Help**Welfare Department****19 Queen Elizabeth Street****London****SE1 2LP***Phone*

0845 1300 975

For all welfare enquires, email welfare@ssafa.org.uk

Organisations that Provide Information or Advice on a Range of Money Matters**UNLOCK -****The National Association of Reformed Offenders**

www.unlock.org.uk

Unlock is a small independent charity established by and for reformed offenders.

It provides a trusted, flexible and high-quality information & advice service for people with convictions to enable them to overcome the disadvantage that a criminal record can cause in the areas of disclosure, CRB checks, employment, insurance and travel.

Each year, Unlock deals directly with around 2,500 queries by telephone, letter and email and more than 200,000 people access the charity's free 'Information Hub' on its website. Unlock has built and maintains a supportive online community (The Forum) where over 1,500 people with convictions ask questions and offer support to each other. It publishes a monthly magazine (The Record) which is written for and by people with convictions, highlighting inspirational stories and important information. Unlock has also worked with banks, insurers, politicians and other charities to effect systemic change at a national level.

Unlock doesn't do things for people. It works with people who aim to assert their personal independence. As a result of Unlock's work, people with convictions are able to educate themselves, secure and maintain work, use basic financial services like bank accounts and insurance, support their families and, with a lot of hard work, reach their potential.

Please note: Unlock is not a funding organisation, and so is not able to make financial awards of any kind.

**Unlock,
35a High Street,
Snodland,
Kent,
ME6 5AG**

General enquiries

Phone **01634 247 350**

Email **enquiries@unlock.org.uk**

Information & Advice Service

Phone **01634 247 350 (Tues & Thurs)**

Email **advice@unlock.org.uk**

VETERANS AID**www.veterans-aid.net**

"I have been under the umbrella of Veterans Aid for only a few short months, however it has made an impression on me that will last a lifetime. The staff offer good practical advice and the odd case of hard reality when required but nothing is too much hard work or trouble. I've found the warm welcome after the harsh realities of homelessness is almost like coming back among friends and family."

Veterans Aid provides assistance to all ex-service men and women who are homeless or about to become so. Any ex-service man, woman and ex-Merchant Navy person may apply for help. We can provide accommodation, food, clothing, travel, training and help with job searches. The ex-service person or the support staff can apply by contacting Veterans Aid direct by telephone or email. We like to act with speed and keep bureaucracy to a minimum. Help is swiftly given at any time of the year.

If you prefer to call in to Veterans Aid at the address below, the opening times are as follows:

Monday to Thursday 8.30 – 3.30 Friday 08.30am – 1.30pm.

Veterans Aid**40 Buckingham Palace Road****Victoria****London****SW1W 0RE***Phone* 020 7828 2468*Freephone* 0800 012 6867*Email* **info@veterans-aid.net**

THE PRISONER FUNDER DIRECTORY PROVIDES A VALUABLE SERVICE AT A VERY MODEST COST.

The Directory is an extremely useful publication for serving prisoners and ex-offenders alike. By bringing together such a wealth of useful information, it not only contributes towards empowering individuals to take control of their own affairs, but also supports those organisations who provide information and advice to people with convictions by providing a one-stop-shop for funding information. The impact that such a resource can have on those who are in desperate need of high quality information should not be underestimated. *Chris Stacey, Head of Projects & Services, UNLOCK, The National Association of Reformed Offenders.*

Having been incarcerated for many years I knew that resettlement and employment were always going to be a challenge. Thanks to the Prisoner Funder Directory I have been given a safety net to help me gain the necessary qualifications to aid my new life on release; I now feel confident enough to face the challenges of the future. *Prisoner, HMP Spring Hill.*

In the current economic climate it is extremely important to have as many funding options as possible for prisoners and your directory is a significant help to us. Please would you convey my thanks and appreciation to everyone who is involved in its production and distribution as I realise this must take a great deal of effort and time. *Sheena Maberly, Head of Learning, Skills and Employment, Southern Cluster - North East Prisons, NOMS North East.*

About to finish a long sentence so being able to use the directory to find funding to help me with my resettlement process and train for work on release has been very useful. Thanks to all involved. *Prisoner, HMP Huntercombe.*

Further to your letter - we have found this to be an invaluable directory over the years. As a unique document we are able to search for funding for various things with little effort. As a yearly publication it is also up to date and relevant for the women we are trying to help. Many thanks. *Lisa Chou, REACH Case Manager, Women in Prison.*

I was very impressed to see for the first time a copy of the Prisoner Funder Directory through a friend in the prison. ...Well Done! *Prisoner, HMP Standford Hill.*

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