



Widowed In Need is a charity that aims to help alleviate the financial distress often experienced by those who have been widowed. You may be recently bereaved and struggling prior to receiving benefits, or finding difficulty in funding death related costs. Alternatively you may have been bereaved for a longer period of time but due to financial circumstances would benefit from help to fund, for example, a much needed family holiday, support groups or courses.

In all scenarios the applicant will be living on a low income.

Typical types of grants

- Help with living expenses
- Help with funeral costs
- Help with medical expenses
- Help with holiday expenses
- Help with driving lessons
- Help with college/training courses

This list is not exhaustive and each case will be considered on its own merit. If you think you would benefit from our help then please apply.

You may be eligible for help if you are receiving or applying for any of the following benefits.

- Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

- Attendance Allowance (AA)
- Carer's Allowance (CA)
- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Statutory Sick Pay (SSP)

- Income Support (IS)
- Incapacity Benefit (IB)
- Some parts of Universal Credit. (UC)
- Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
- State Pension (SP)
- Pension Credit (PC)

You must also have no, or very little, capital and/or income.

Capital could be savings, property, investments, etc.

Income could be from rental of property, employment, Occupational Pension etc.

You may still be eligible for help even if you do not receive any of these benefits. If you are in financial difficulty due to bereavement, please apply.

All information must be submitted on the application form as each application is assessed on its own merit.

We try not to over-burden applicants with requests for information but we have to balance this with the need to satisfy ourselves that a grant will be effectively used.

We regard ourselves as 'light-touch', very broad, generalist and predominantly reactive. We typically fund to give a degree of stability and continuity. We are happy to make grants towards general living

costs as this is sometimes the most helpful type of funding to the applicant.

In order to ensure that we are achieving our charitable objectives we inform applicants via our website of the type of grants we like to fund, and give guidelines regarding what applications should cover. We are then able to assess each application against specific criteria, including:

- Demonstration of clear need.
- Evidence of impact/benefit.
- Any other help that could be applied through benefits or other organisations.

There may be benefits you can claim that you are unaware of, or a grant may hinder the application of a benefit. In these cases the applicant will be informed of the best course of action.

Once an application has passed the initial assessment, further information may be requested and a further assessment will take place. The purpose of this process is to confirm that there is a need, and that the outcome is both realistic and achievable.

When a grant is successful all we ask is that you provide receipts of expenditure for up to one year to be sent in after the 12 month period (or shorter depending on what the grant is for). This is to ensure that we have evidence that the grant has been spent as is intended.