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## Starter Packs

If you have been homeless or in a hostel and are just moving out, there are so many things you will need to set up home. Many charities can help with fridges, freezers, furniture and so on but you will still need to build up all the other bits and pieces. Having a bed is great but you still need bedclothes; a cooker isn't much good without pots and pans. The list just seems to go on and on but there is help out there. There are charities that provide starter packs to help. These include such items as:

- bedding including duvets, duvet covers, sheets, pillowcases
- towels
- curtains
- pots and pans
- crockery and cutlery

The charity **FreshStart** can help in so many ways if you are in the Edinburgh area. They provide ten different starter packs as well as cookery courses and so much more. If you are in the first 12 weeks of your tenancy then the Hit Squad could help decorate up to two rooms. Someone from your support network needs to make the referral.

Telephone: 0131 476 7741

Email: [admin@freshstartweb.org.uk](mailto:admin@freshstartweb.org.uk)

Web: [www.freshstartweb.org.uk/starter-packs](http://www.freshstartweb.org.uk/starter-packs)

There are several more regional organisations which also give out starter packs:

### Scotland

Glasgow: [www.starterpacks.org.uk](http://www.starterpacks.org.uk)

Perth: [www.cath-org.co.uk/starter-packs](http://www.cath-org.co.uk/starter-packs)

Dundee: [www.starterpackdundee.org.uk](http://www.starterpackdundee.org.uk)

Greenock: 01475 787 141

### Northern Ireland

[www.chni.org.uk/starterpacks.html](http://www.chni.org.uk/starterpacks.html)

[homelessconnect.org/home-starter-packs](http://homelessconnect.org/home-starter-packs)

### England

Barnsley: [www.barnsleystarterpacks.org.uk](http://www.barnsleystarterpacks.org.uk)

Bromley: [www.bromleyparishchurch.org/starterpacks](http://www.bromleyparishchurch.org/starterpacks)

Malton (near York): [www.salvationarmy.org.uk/malton](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/malton)

Solihull: [www.scah.org.uk/scah-support](http://www.scah.org.uk/scah-support)

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The Army's National Charity

*Organisation***ABF The Soldiers' Charity***Website*

www.soldierscharity.org

*Maximum decision time*

48 hours for a grant to an individual.

*Who can apply*

Members and former members of the British Regular Army who have normally completed their basic training. Dependant spouses/civil partners, widows, widowers, children and other immediate dependants. Members and former members of the British Army Reserve (and their dependants as outlined above) provided they have completed 1 year's satisfactory service including Phase 1 training.

*What can be funded*

Individual needs can range from a specialist safety bed for a serving soldier's disabled son, or furniture for a former soldier who has been homeless, to care home fees for a World War II veteran or a much needed holiday for a war widow/er and their young children.

*What is NOT funded*

We are not able to assist with providing grants for medical fees, non-priority debt or memorial headstones.

*How to apply*

Each request to be accompanied by a written confidential report from one of our partner caseworking organisations, normally SSAFA or The Royal British Legion. This report is then sent to your Regiment and ABF The Soldiers' Charity, to make a funding decision. Any applications for assistance with specialist equipment or home adaptations will need to be supported, as a minimum, by an Occupational Therapist's report, alongside a clinical recommendation as appropriate. A veteran, or the dependants of a veteran, or a widow or widower, please contact your local SSAFA office or, with the exception of those living in Scotland, your Royal British Legion office.

*Apply to***ABF The Soldiers' Charity**

Mountbarrow House  
12 Elizabeth Street  
London  
SW1W 9RB

020 7901 8900

Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm; Friday, 8am to 4pm  
supportercare@soldierscharity.org

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<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Buttle UK</b>
<b>Name of programme</b>	Chances for Children – support for estranged young people
<b>Website</b>	www.buttleuk.org
<b>Maximum decision time</b>	2 weeks
<b>Who can apply</b>	Young people (16–20 years old) who receive no support from parents or guardians. We refer to them as being ‘estranged’. Note: applications must be completed by an organisation that is supporting the family or young person. This funding will help to address the needs of this group by providing help to overcome financial barriers preventing them from engaging in education, employment or training and also to help settle them in secure accommodation by helping them set up a comfortable home environment. This funding offers an ‘enhanced’ level of giving with a maximum spend of £2,000 per case.
<b>What can be funded</b>	Part of our package of support can include funding to establish a home and fund access to interests or activities that help promote a young person’s wellbeing. This could include, but again is not limited to, basic furnishings such as a bed, cooker, fridge or microwave, access to activities or groups.
<b>How to apply</b>	Applications must be completed by an organisation that is supporting the family or young person. They should also be able to administer a grant on behalf of Buttle UK. We can accept applications from a wide variety of organisations including statutory or charitable organisations providing a health care, social care or advice service, probation and youth offending, tenancy support, education services including primary and secondary schools, NHS and primary care trusts, Sure Start and children’s centres.
<b>Key dates</b>	We operate a rolling programme with no cut-off date.
<b>Acknowledgement</b>	We will always acknowledge correspondence.
<b>Notes</b>	Firstly, the young person and their support worker will discuss what the young person’s education, employment or training goals are and create a plan of how they will get there and what they will need to do it. We will provide practical support to help remove financial barriers that stand in the way of reaching these goals. Such barriers could include, but are not limited to, access to a computer to study with, travel costs to get to college, equipment needed to take up a training opportunity or for interview clothes.

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*Organisation***Buttle UK***Name of programme*

Chances for Children – support for children affected by domestic abuse

*Website*[www.buttleuk.org](http://www.buttleuk.org)*Who can apply*

Chances for Children grants have been designed to meet the needs of children and young people in affected families. These grants help the affected children recover from the trauma and upheaval they have experienced. They are mainly targeted at families that have been forced to leave their homes due to domestic abuse and are at the rehousing or post-housing stages. The application must be made by an organisation that is supporting the family or young person.

*What can be funded*

The grants, of up to £2,000 per family, can include a wide range of items or services provided they will have a significant impact on the child's wellbeing. For example, this may include essential household items such as cookers and children's beds to meet physical needs or counselling and activities for children to meet their emotional needs.

*How to apply*

Applications must be completed by an organisation that is supporting the family or young person. They should also be able to administer a grant on behalf of Buttle UK. We can accept applications from a wide variety of organisations including statutory or charitable organisations providing a health care, social care or an advice service.

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*Notes*

It can take up to 2 weeks for an application to be reviewed and a decision made.

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<i>Organisation</i>	<b>The Capital Charitable Trust</b>
<i>Maximum decision time</i>	Within 1 month
<i>Specific geographical area</i>	Edinburgh and Lothians only
<i>Who can apply</i>	Individuals living in Edinburgh and Lothians area who are in financial need.
<i>What can be funded</i>	Grants are a maximum of £25 for clothes, decorating, household goods and other general welfare needs. Payments cannot be made directly to an individual, only to the applicant agency.
<i>How to apply</i>	Applications have to be made via a Social Worker or similar professional working for local organisations or charities. Application forms are available from City of Edinburgh Social Work Departments and other charitable bodies, e.g. Stopover, Cunningham House or YourHome.
<i>Key dates</i>	Applications are normally processed in less than a month.
<i>Acknowledgement</i>	Receipt of applications will not be acknowledged.
<i>Apply to</i>	<b>The Capital Charitable Trust – YR</b> Lindsays, Caledonian Exchange 19a Canning Street Edinburgh EH3 8HE yvonnerafferty@lindsays.co.uk



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## ENGLAND – LONDON &amp; THE HOME COUNTIES

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>David Isaacs Fund</b>
<b>Specific geographical area</b>	Any London borough
<b>Who can apply</b>	The client must reside within a London Borough. Probation officers, CAB advisors or social workers on behalf of men and women suffering financial hardship who come to the notice of a District Judge or Coroner, presiding within a London or City of London Court.
<b>What can be funded</b>	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 and training courses which could lead to employment. Any applications over £400 have to go before the Grants Committee.
<b>What is NOT funded</b>	Rent arrears, laptops.
<b>How to apply</b>	Via a probation officer, CAB Advisor or social worker who can 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.
<b>Notes</b>	Applicants will not be given cash, rather the organisation supporting the application will arrange payment to the supplier and then return all receipts to the Treasurer.
<b>Apply to</b>	<b>Peter Goodday Esq.</b> The David Isaacs Fund Westminster Magistrates Court 179/181 Marylebone Road London NW1 5BR  the.david.isaacs.fund@gmail.com



*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."*



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<i>Organisation</i>	<b>Family Action</b>
<i>Name of programme</i>	Family Action's Grant Programmes
<i>Website</i>	<a href="http://www.family-action.org.uk">www.family-action.org.uk</a>
<i>Maximum decision time</i>	7 days
<i>Who can apply</i>	Grants are primarily targeted at families and individuals with low incomes, particularly those living on benefits. This may include ex-prisoners. A typical grant ranges from £200 to £300 in value. To find out whether you are eligible to apply for a grant from Family Action please visit the website for current eligibility criteria.
<i>What can be funded</i>	Essential personal and household needs to assist families and individuals with low incomes, particularly those living on benefits.
<i>What is NOT funded</i>	Please check the website to see full details of what cannot be funded. <b><a href="http://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/welfare-grants">www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/welfare-grants</a></b>
<i>How to apply</i>	Full details of the application process are available on the website. Applications must be submitted, online, by a professional who knows the applicant.
<i>Key dates</i>	Full details available on the website.
<i>Acknowledgement</i>	We regret we are unable to respond to postal enquiries. All online applications receive an email response acknowledging receipt and containing further details about the application process.
<i>Notes</i>	Please note we only consider one application per individual in any 12 month period.
<i>Apply to</i>	<b><a href="http://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants">www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants</a></b>

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<i>Organisation</i>	<b>The Glasgow Care Foundation</b>
<i>Name of programme</i>	Individual/Family Grants
<i>Website</i>	www.glasgowcarefoundation.org
<i>Maximum decision time</i>	Usually within a few days, depending on the availability of client, worker or funds.
<i>Specific geographical area</i>	Glasgow (G1 to G53 only)
<i>Who can apply</i>	We support those who have lived in the Glasgow area (G1 to G53) for at least 5 years, those on low incomes, in receipt of benefits or retirement pension.
<i>What can be funded</i>	White goods; furnishings; floor and window coverings; other essential household items.
<i>What is NOT funded</i>	Repayment of debts; fuel arrears; funeral costs; major repairs or adaption to property; garden alterations; car repairs – adaptations or purchase; clothing grants; holidays abroad for individuals or families; financial awards.
<i>How to apply</i>	<p>Applications must be made online by a support worker who has registered on the Glasgow Care Foundation website.</p> <p>If you are eligible for support, you will be contacted by a welfare officer and your needs will be discussed. You will be informed what support the Foundation will be able to provide.</p> <p>All items will be delivered and installed by our suppliers.</p>
<i>Acknowledgement</i>	The acknowledgement will appear on our website. The support worker's front page will show how the grant application is progressing.
<i>Notes</i>	We do not mention clients' past in our reports to the Trustees, accounts, etc. Vulnerable adults is the term used for those we assist via their support workers.
<i>Apply to</i>	<p><b>Orkney Street Enterprise Centre</b>  18–20 Orkney Street  Glasgow  G51 2BX</p> <p>0141 445 2736  info@glasgowcarefoundation.org</p>



<b>Organisation</b>	<b>R L Glasspool Charity Trust</b>
<b>Name of programme</b>	Essential Living Fund
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.glasspool.org.uk">www.glasspool.org.uk</a>
<b>Maximum decision time</b>	Usually 5 working days.
<b>Who can apply</b>	We are only able to receive applications from a support worker, not the person requiring a grant. The support worker and their organisation must be registered with us before they are able to make an application. The individual cannot have received a grant from us in the last 3 years.
<b>What can be funded</b>	<p>Through our Essential Living Fund, we provide small grants for household items and essential clothing. Please go to our website for further information. You may apply for up to three items, however, we are receiving more requests than we can fund, so if we are able to help, in most cases we would only be able to meet one request.</p> <p><b>Items routinely offered:</b> baby needs (equipment and clothing), beds and bedding, clothing and school uniforms, cookers, fridges, freezers or fridge-freezers, washing machines.</p> <p><b>Items offered in exceptional circumstances:</b> washer-dryers or tumble-dryers (where there is a health, disability or other exceptional need); flooring (where there is a mobility, disability or safety issue, including a baby or toddler in the household); TV Licence (where there is evidence of social isolation); furniture (where it is needed for health or educational reasons).</p>
<b>What is NOT funded</b>	Heating oil, vocational training, computers and debts or arrears.
<b>How to apply</b>	Guidance on registering and making an application can be found under the Essential Living Fund page of our website.
<b>Key dates</b>	Programme runs throughout the year. We open to new applications at 11am every Monday and then close once we have received as many applications as we can fund that week. If you are unable to submit an application please try again at 11am the following Monday.
<b>Notes</b>	If you are looking for general information about our grant funding please visit our website at <a href="http://www.glasspool.org.uk">www.glasspool.org.uk</a>
<b>Apply to</b>	Via online grants form <a href="http://www.glasspool.org.uk/grants/grants">www.glasspool.org.uk/grants/grants</a>



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*Making the bed.  
HMP East Sutton Park*

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## ENGLAND – THE NORTH EAST



<i>Organisation</i>	<b>Greggs Foundation</b>
<i>Name of programme</i>	Hardship Fund
<i>Website</i>	<a href="http://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk">www.greggsfoundation.org.uk</a>
<i>Who can apply</i>	Probation Services, registered charities, Citizens Advice, healthcare professionals, housing associations, local councils can apply on behalf of the person in need. The person (who may be an ex-offender) must live in the North East of England and be in extreme social need.
<i>What can be funded</i>	Grants of between £50–£150 given for essential items: washing machines, cookers, fridge freezers, flooring, baby equipment, beds and bedding, clothing and supermarket vouchers. If white goods are awarded we work directly with an organisation who would deliver a new item to your property. Installation costs are not included.
<i>What is NOT funded</i>	Payment of debts, rent bonds, computer equipment.
<i>How to apply</i>	Applications can only be made on behalf of a client by a registered charity or social services, probation service, Citizens Advice, healthcare professionals, housing provider, local council. The application form must be completed on our website. If you have a probation officer, you can ask them if you can have an individual grant from the block grant Greggs Foundation makes twice a year to probation.
<i>Key dates</i>	Applications are assessed weekly and you can expect a response within 2 weeks of your application.
<i>Acknowledgement</i>	The Greggs Foundation responds to all applications, successful or not. However, if you haven't had a decision within 3 weeks of your application, get in touch with Greggs Foundation to check its progress.
<i>Notes</i>	<p>We are hugely over-subscribed at present and have sufficient funds to award around half the requests we receive. We have identified three priorities to ensure our grants make the greatest difference. We are far more likely to support an application if it meets the priority criteria listed below. We prioritise (i) families with young children over individuals; (ii) the most financially excluded people; (iii) items that will make the most difference.</p> <p>We awarded the Probation Service in both Northumberland and Durham/Tees a block grant to distribute on our behalf. Probation officers should apply for funding directly to this source.</p>
<i>Apply to</i>	<p>Online at <a href="http://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/hardship-fund">www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/hardship-fund</a></p> <p>Probation officers: Contact Probation Service for an application form.</p> <p>For additional information please contact the Greggs Foundation on 0191 212 7626.</p>

*Organisation***Housing the Homeless Central Fund***Who can apply*

Social workers, probation officers or other accredited support agencies can apply as sponsors of clients. **No applications are accepted from individual clients.** Grants are paid directly to the accredited agency.

*What can be funded*

Grants for household items.

*What is NOT funded*

Holidays, medical apparatus, funeral expenses, travel, vehicles, educational expenses, rent deposits, rent arrears, computers, toys, telephones, structural improvements to property, TVs and/or licences.

*How to apply*

Guidelines and applications can be requested **only** via a social worker or other professional emailing from their work account.

*Notes*

Housing the Homeless Central Fund does not conduct business by telephone.

*Apply to***Frankie Salton-Cox**

hhcfund@gmail.com

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<b>Organisation</b>	<b>The Inside Out Trust</b>
<b>Website</b>	theinsideouttrust.org
<b>Specific geographical area</b>	Berkshire
<b>Who can apply</b>	Only people under the supervision of the Probation Services in Berkshire.
<b>What can be funded</b>	We provide financial assistance for anything from basic clothing to securing accommodation or meeting the cost of getting back into work. The Trust can help fund training courses, clothing for interviews or basic equipment for the workplace. Urgent requests for bedding, basic clothing, furniture or white goods are also considered.
<b>What is NOT funded</b>	We will not consider applications for payment of rates, taxes or fines.
<b>How to apply</b>	An Offender Manager must complete an application form and send it to the Trust Treasurer. The Trustees aim to respond quickly and in good time to help the applicant. Money is awarded as a grant to the service user, strictly through their probation officer, who will then buy what is needed and provide us with receipts.
<b>Notes</b>	Applicants remain anonymous, Trustees are provided with basic facts and details of how the grant or loan may support rehabilitation.  (The Inside Out Trust is the working name of the Berkshire Care Trust, which was founded in 1982.)
<b>Apply to</b>	<b>info@theinsideouttrust.org</b>  Please note that applications will only be accepted from your probation officer.



*I have been able to go and buy some new clothes with the money you have given me to help me settle back into the community after coming out of prison ... I really worked hard to stay out of prison, after being in for so long, and living a proper life for the first time every day of the week.”*  
**Brian**