

INDIVIDUAL FUNDING PROGRAMME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

St John's Individual Funding Programme provides funding support to individuals and families in Bath & North East Somerset who are struggling financially and have reached a point of crisis in their lives. We are able to respond quickly once an application has been received. Our aim is to respond within five working days, but we are able to respond within hours if the need is urgent.

To be eligible for support from the Individual Funding Programme, the individual or family:

- Must live within Bath and North East Somerset
- Shall not have received funding support for an item or service that St John's has already funded within the previous three years.
- Shall have an overall monthly disposable income of no more than £215. At our discretion, this can be higher if the family is larger or has some other extenuating circumstance).
- Shall not be residents of St John's Foundation Almshouses

Previous financial assistance from St John's within the last 3 years is checked. Any sum already awarded will be deducted from their allowance. We cannot fund the same item more than once.

An asset i.e. a property would normally exclude the applicant for support. There may be exceptions when a judgement will be made on a case by case basis by the team to assess eligibility.

St John's is able to fund items or services that improve the living circumstances of families and individuals. This may include the following:

- Furniture
- White goods
- Household items
- Clothing
- Removal Costs
- Repairs/decoration
- Carpets/Flooring
- Utility bills/rent/other arrears
- Bankruptcy fees/Debt Relief Order fee
- Educational courses leading to employment
- Counselling/Mentoring
- Funeral Expenses
- Other payments at the discretion of the funding team to assist within the above guidelines.

Exclusions

St John's will not fund the following:

- Repeat applications for the same item
- Loans
- Fines (including Magistrate Court Fines)
- Deposits or Rent in Advance
- Retrospective Funding (any item or cost which has been spent prior to approval by the funding team)
- Gap Year Projects
- Gifts
- Holidays (we may consider funding trips for children which enrich learning opportunities)
- Vet bills and any costs relating to pets
- Legal Aid

Related legislation/regulations

St John's requires referrers when submitting applications to have full consent from the beneficiaries to share information, as indicated by the statement below which is displayed on our application form:

"By continuing with this application you confirm that you have unambiguous proof of consent from the beneficiary to share their personal information with St John's Foundation."

All information held, and the processes of using personal and sensitive information adhere to data protection law.

If you have any questions about completing our application form please do not hesitate to contact our Funding and Impact Officers on 01225 486452 or 01225 486407, email grants@stjohnsbath.org.uk