

## Other Sources of Funding

### **For people who are unemployed**

- **DWP, Job Centre:** Anyone who is unemployed can access support from the Job Centre to get into employment. This can involve financial support to attend courses, to purchase equipment and to remove any barriers that may be preventing people getting into employment.

### **For people who are employed and looking to enhance their career:**

- **Future Bright** is for employed people receiving benefits or tax credits and looking to develop their careers. They offer advice, training and a personal budget to pay for courses and equipment.

### Other work-related support

- **'Wheels to Work' voucher distributors:**  
<https://travelwest.info/wheels-to-work-west/bath-north-east-somerset>
- **Learner Support**  
<https://www.gov.uk/learner-support/eligibility>  
A Government scheme for applicants aged over 19 years who are already on a further education course but not receiving student finance. Provides funding for accommodation and travel, course materials, equipment and childcare.

### For pregnant mothers

- **Sure Start Maternity grant:** <https://www.gov.uk/sure-start-maternity-grant>

### Housing

- **Homefinder Scheme** (<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/housing/finding-place-live/privately-renting/help-pay-private-tenancies>)

### Clothing and School related items

- **Skip: The School Kit Project** ([theskip.org](https://theskip.org) / 07944 46894) For uniforms, shoes, coats, bags, stationary etc. They will accept referrals from schools, agencies or any other organisation liaising with the family who can confirm their circumstances.
- **The Clothes Line**  
For clothing, shoes and school uniforms. Drop-in centre at The Jubilee Centre on Lower Bristol Road every Monday from 12-3pm.

### Other funding opportunities for B&NES residents

- **Welfare Support** (<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/council-tax-benefits-and-grants/benefits/welfare-support-scheme>) **01225 477277**  
Offices in Manvers Street, Bath, and above the One Stop Shop in Midsomer Norton.

Can offer a limited amount of funding towards essential household items and debts, as follows:

- **DHP** (<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/council-tax-benefits-and-grants/benefits/discretionary-housing-payments>) Can pay rent arrears, or the shortfall between the amount of rent being paid and the benefits received. Applicants need to be in receipt of Housing Benefit or the Housing Element of Universal Credit to be eligible. Applications need to be sent in by post.

### **Other Funders**

- **Vicar's Relief Fund** (<https://smitf.flexigrant.com>)  
The VRF supports vulnerable individuals across the UK by providing crisis grants, usually within 1-3 days. They focus on accessing accommodation, preventing eviction and setting up home.
- **Glasspool** (<http://www.glasspool.org.uk>)  
Provides timely, small, one-off grants to individuals and families in need of financial support for everyday items to help them set up or remain in their home or improve their well-being.
- **St Monica Trust Community Fund**  
(<https://www.stmonicastrust.org.uk/supporting-communities/community-fund>)  
Applicants must be over 40 years of age, have a physical disability or long-term physical health problem, live in B&NES, Bristol or South Gloucestershire and have a low income and limited savings.
- **Dawe Family Trust**  
[info@dawefamilytrust.co.uk](mailto:info@dawefamilytrust.co.uk)  
Provides small grants to individuals in need in the UK and around the world.
- **The Bright Side of Life**  
<http://www.thebrightsideoflife.org.uk>  
Funding for ill or disadvantaged children to improve their conditions of life.
- **Variety**  
<https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/equipment-grants>  
Equipment grants for ill or disabled children.
- **The Family Fund**  
<https://www.familyfund.org.uk>  
Help for disabled children.
- **Turn2us**  
[Turn2us.org.uk](http://Turn2us.org.uk)  
This website lists all relevant funding across the country. They also have a couple of funds:  
Turn2us Elizabeth Finn Fund - Grants for people with a professional background who need help in a crisis.

Turn2us Response Fund – Help for people who have experienced a life-changing event in the last twelve months, such as redundancy, domestic abuse, bereavement etc.