



Scottish Welfare Fund

Restrictions of Scottish Welfare Fund crisis grants to 3 per person per year waived during COVID-19 outbreak

The Scottish Government considers the current circumstances to be 'exceptional' so that the waiver can be applied.



Crisis and Community Care Grants

The Scottish Welfare Fund is a discretionary scheme which North Lanarkshire Council (NLC) deliver that usually provides two types of grant: Community Grants and Crisis Grants.

Community Care Grant

Community Care Grants may be issued to people who need support to live independently in the community, and will mostly provide items such as furniture or household appliances ***These are currently on hold – see the Coronavirus update below for further details**

Crisis Grant

Crisis Grants may be provided for basic short term living expenses in the event of a disaster such as fire or flood or emergencies like losing money or having to travel to visit a sick child in hospital.

Coronavirus Update

During the current Coronavirus crisis NLC will not be processing any new applications for community grants so that they can focus on getting help to the people that are in crisis and need it most. During this time NLC will continue to consider helping with furniture and household appliances where there is a critical need. NLC would however ask you to bear with them because the Coronavirus has made it much more difficult to safely make deliveries from their suppliers and as a result everything is taking longer than they would like.

The important thing is to be sure that you are eligible before you apply because the more ineligible applications they receive, the longer it takes them to get to the people who need their help the most. So please do pay particular attention to their eligibility criteria.

Eligibility Criteria

Grants are available to anyone aged 16 or over and applicants should normally have a low income for example be in receipt of a benefit such as Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance or Pension Credit.

However, applicants do not have to be in receipt of a benefit to receive a grant. Anyone who has a low income, or does not have access to their money can apply.

How to apply

If you are in crisis you can apply for a grant by contacting the Scottish Welfare Fund Team

Scottish Welfare Fund
PO Box 19078
MOTHERWELL
ML1 9DU

Tel: 0300-555-0405

Email: swf@northlan.gov.uk

To apply for a Community Care Grant, please complete and return an [application form](#) to the above address

Applications for Crisis Grants will be processed by the end of the next working day, Community Care Grants will be processed within 15 working days.

A working day is defined as being between 9.00am and 4.45pm, a working day does not include weekends and bank/public holidays.