

Opportunity Grants



Individual Grants funding for Care Experienced Young People

Now open and accepting applications

Opportunities are now open for Individual Grants of up to £500 for Young People Ages 12-25 years old who are either currently Looked after at Home or in Kinship Care or are a Care Leaver. The grants would support the development of skills, hobbies and ambitions and for some enhance skills which could afford them wider access to job opportunities. The impact of Covid19 has been most significant on those families receiving children's social work support who were already experiencing social, economic and health inequalities and are disadvantaged.

A panel where the applications will be discussed will meet to make decisions and will have a mix of care experienced young adults and representatives from, Aberdeen Young Persons Rights Service, Youth Team, Kinship Team, Children's Social Work and Virtual School.

Who can apply?

Young people can apply if:

- ✓ You are aged 12-25 years old
- ✓ You are either currently Looked after at Home or in Kinship Care or are a Care Leaver
- ✓ You have a Resource Worker/ Social Worker who can help me plan the funding
- ⚡ **If you do not have access to one of the workers above you may still apply for funding. Please contact The Duty Worker, Youth Team on 0800 917 8545.**



When can applications be made?

The fund is open for applications from 1 September 2021 and will end 28 February 2022.

What does the funding NOT cover?

The funding cannot replace statutory funding. As part of your application we will ask you if you have checked with the Local Authority to make sure funding cannot be provided by them. Your resource worker / social worker will also be expected to check this out too.

Requests to clear existing debts, overdrafts loans, ongoing living costs, rent, council tax, utility bills will not be supported.

How to Apply?

A Resource Worker or Social Worker will help plan the funding required and will submit the application on your behalf.

Any more questions?

If you have any questions on the individual grants please contact:

- Donna Simpson, Rights Service - DSimpson@aberdeencity.gov.uk
- Kayleigh Alexander, Youth Team - KayAlexander@aberdeencity.gov.uk
- Jody Matheson, Kincorth SW - ChildrensSWDeeCiN1@aberdeencity.gov.uk
- Elaine Law, Virtual School - ElaLaw@aberdeencity.gov.uk
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This is a new and exciting opportunity and we look forward to receiving your application