



Moving On Up fund



overcoming
barriers
to
independant
living

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The Moving On Up fund offers young people grants up to a £1000 to help them overcome financial barriers to move-on

We know that young people who can't live at home face specific financial barriers that prohibit them from moving on to a thriving future.

In our most recent Big Questions survey, the cost of living has become the greatest concern for young people and is the biggest barrier they face in accessing lower support accommodation or independent housing.

The message is loud and clear, if our vision is for young people to realise their power and purpose then we must support young people to overcome financial hurdles.

We have teamed up with LandAid to provide grants of up to £1000 to young people living in our member services - supporting them to successfully transition from supported accommodation into independent living.



Eligibility

We encourage applications from young people who are:

- Aged between 16-25
- Currently living in one of our member services
- Ready and able to live independently
- Facing financial barriers to move-on

Costs that can be covered

The fund is able to cover the essential financial blockers young people face that can prevent them from moving on. This includes:

- A deposit for a property
- Rent payment in advance
- Dual rent payments
- Utilities bills in advance
- Rent arrears repayment
- Moving costs, eg van hire, packing materials
- White goods, eg fridge/freezer, washing machine
- Soft furnishings, eg curtains, carpets

Timelines for the scheme

The fund will be open between January 2023 and March 2024.

20 grants will be available between January-March 2023.

80 grants will be available between April 2023-March 2024.



Application process

Step one: A member of Foyer staff completes and submits a nomination form to put a young person forward and confirm their eligibility and level of readiness to move on.

Step two: If eligibility requirements are met, the member of staff and young person will be sent an application form to complete together to find out more about what the young person wants/needs. There will be options to complete parts of this by video if preferred.

Step three: The review team will assess all applications received within the month period and notify applicants whether they have or have not been successful.

Step four: If successful, funds will be released on a pre-paid card sent directly to the staff member who supported the young person's application. We ask that staff support the young person to spend the funds in the way outlined in their application.

Unsuccessful applications

If an application is not successful, there is an option to roll it over into the following months' review. There is a yes/no question on the application form to confirm whether the young person would like us to do this.

For example, if an application is submitted in February, it would be reviewed and if not successful, we would consider it again in March before finally requesting resubmission of an application.

There is no limit on the amount of times you can re-submit an application if the you are unsuccessful after 2nd review providing the young person is still eligible and in need of the funds.

FAQ's

Can a member of staff nominate more than one young person?

Yes! Funds will be allocated on the basis of need and readiness.

Can a member of staff nominate any young person they work with?

We ask that you nominate only those young people who are ready to move on and who you believe are in a position to do so successfully. We want the young people offered grants to have a positive and successful move on experience.

How will young people receive the funds?

The funds will be pre-paid onto a card and addressed to the member of staff who supported the application. We ask that the member of staff supports the young person to spend the grant in the way outlined in the application. We will require proof of purchase within 30 days.

How long does the application process take?

The nomination form takes 15 minutes and the application 30 minutes.

What format are the nomination and application forms in?

The nominations and application forms are both online forms. Responses are either typed or multiple choice, and the application form includes the option to submit either written or video responses for longer answers. If the online form is a barrier, contact isabella@foyer.net for an alternative.

How will I find out if my application was successful?

All applicants will be contacted by email within 7 days of the 20th of each month.



If my application isn't successful, can I apply again?

Yes! If you give us permission in your application form, we will review the application the following month. After that, if you have still not been successful, we will ask you to re-submit an application.

What if my application is successful and I want to spend the money on something else?

The grants awarded as part of the Moving On Up fund may only be spent in the way outlined in your application. Should your circumstances change (for example, if you have applied for money for a washing machine but receive one from elsewhere instead) please email isabella@foyer.net to submit a change.

Sharing your success stories

The Moving On Up fund would not be possible without our funders and your feedback can help us continue to support more young people. So to help us keep track of and share the success of the fund we ask that each young person awarded a grant shares their feedback with us. We will send a short online survey, if you wish to remain anonymous, that's totally cool with us.

We will also ask each young person whether they are interested in being interviewed for our website. If they agree, they will be invited to a phone or video conversation with a member of the Foyer Federation team. This is not a requirement of the grant and is entirely optional.

We won't ever share identifying information about a person without their express consent and approval.

If you have any further questions or would like an informal chat about the scheme you can contact:

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