

Eynsham Consolidated Charity

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NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS?

This Charity makes **MONEY GRANTS** to **PEOPLE LIVING**
in the “**ANCIENT PARISH OF EYNSHAM**”

The Charity has a maximum of about £3,000 available each year to distribute in grants to help people who are in need, hardship or distress. Grants can be made:

- ✓ in money paid direct to the person concerned – eg for general expenses in a sudden financial crisis caused by matrimonial problems, bereavement, etc;
- ✓ by providing things people need, like buying a new pair of glasses, furniture, paint, special equipment for people with disabilities;
- ✓ by paying for services – an insurance premium or heating costs, for example;
- ✓ by making payments to other bodies or organisations which help those in need, like the Eynsham Day Centre;
- ✓ in circumstances where the cost of providing the necessary help will be high, as part of a shared effort with other similar organisations, like the Royal British Legion, SSAFA, etc.

The trustees are not allowed to make grants directly to relieve rates, taxes or other public charges, nor can they commit themselves in advance to repeat any help they give. The trustees do not make loans.

There is no age qualification for a grant, but people receiving a grant must be resident in the “Ancient Parish of Eynsham” which covers all of the present Parish and part of Freeland also. However, there is a provision in the rules of the Charity which enables grants to be made in exceptional cases to people who are resident immediately outside the area of the Ancient Parish, so anyone living anywhere in Freeland should feel free to apply.

MAKING AN APPLICATION

Applications for grants can be made either by the person who is in need, hardship or distress, or on their behalf – for example, by a friend or neighbour. There is no application form nor are there any formalities to be got through – just write to the Clerk with details of the problem concerned and what the grant is wanted for (in particular, include wherever possible details of the costs involved).

The trustees meet four times a year, usually in February, May, August or September and November. They will consider the application and be in touch with you as soon as possible. There is also a sub-committee to deal with urgent applications between meetings. All applications are treated absolutely confidentially.

ABOUT THE CHARITY: A registered charity, it operates under a constitution set up by the Charity Commission. There are nine trustees (four are appointed by Eynsham Parish Council and one by Freeland Parish Council). A report is made each Spring to the Eynsham Parish Meeting (the details of people receiving grants are not made public).