
DRAFT SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Welfare Funds (Scotland) Regulations 2016

Types of assistance

6.—(1) Assistance out of a welfare fund may be provided by way of—

- (a) a crisis grant; or
- (b) a community care grant.

(2) A crisis grant is assistance for the purposes referred to in paragraph (a) of section 2(1) of the Act.

(3) A community care grant is assistance for the purposes referred to in paragraph (b) of section 2(1) of the Act.

(4) A community care grant may be provided where it appears to the local authority that the grant will—

- (a) enable a qualifying individual who falls within paragraph (5) to establish or maintain a settled home and that without the grant there is a risk that the individual will not be able to do this;
- (b) enable a qualifying individual to maintain a settled home and that without the grant there is a risk of the individual needing to go into a care institution;
- (c) enable a qualifying individual to establish or maintain a settled home after being homeless or otherwise living an unsettled way of life;
- (d) enable a qualifying individual to maintain a settled home in a situation where that individual, or another individual in the same household, is facing exceptional pressure; or
- (e) assist a person to care for a qualifying individual who has been released from prison or a young offenders' institution on temporary licence.

(5) A qualifying individual falls within this paragraph if the individual—

- (a) has been in prison or a care institution for a period of at least 3 months, any part of which falls within the period of 9 months preceding the date of the fund application in question; or
- (b) has been in a care institution for two or more separate periods within that 9 month period.