

Alternative Forms of Assistance

- Charitable Grants**
- Low Cost and Free Furniture Items**

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Grants and other forms of assistance

Name	Eligibility	What is available	How to apply	Contact Details
Greggs Foundation	People in need who live in the north east of England. Priority is given to children and families	Grants range from £50 to £150 and are given for essential items such as, washing machines, fridges, cookers, furniture, baby equipment, flooring, clothing and school uniforms. Grants are not given to cover debts, overseas expeditions, computer equipment and sponsorship	On a form available to download from the website. Applications should be made through a welfare agency, such as social services, probation service, Citizens Advice, victim support, health, disability and housing projects or other similar organisations. Applications submitted directly by the individual will not be considered	Greggs Foundation Fernwood House Clayton Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TL Tel: 0191 212 7626 Tel: 0191 281 9536 Email: greggsfoundation@greggs.co.uk Website: http://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk
St Martin-in-the-Fields (Vicars Relief Fund)	In particular they support people who are homeless, at risk of being made homeless or are trying to establish and maintain a tenancy	Makes small crisis grants to people in need across the UK. Although the grants made are relatively small (less than £200, on average), they do their best to process applications quickly (in less than 4 days, on average, from receipt of the application)	Applications are accepted from professional support workers and CAB advisors on behalf of their service users. They do not accept direct applications from individuals, nor can they send application forms to anyone other than support workers	To request a copy of guidelines and application form, contact the St Martin-in-the-Fields Charities Department: Trafalgar Square LONDON WC2N 4JJ Tel: 020 7766 1125/7 Fax: 020 7389 0773 Email: martin.cobb@smitf.org
Sherburn House Charity (Relief in need scheme)	The Charity gives grants only within our beneficial area which is the North East of England between the rivers Tweed and Tees. All recipients of relief in need grants must be in extreme social need	Grants available for household items etc, if successful one item will be awarded. Grants are not available where; individuals have been awarded a grant or refused a grant within the last 24 months. For details of other excluded items please see the list on the charity website	Applications must be made on behalf of the client by a welfare agency, i.e., social services, probation service, citizen's advice bureaux, victim support, health, disability and housing projects and other such organisations. Applications must be made on the common application form	Sherburn House Charity, Ramsey House, Sherburn Hospital, Durham DH1 2SE Tel: 0191 372 2551 Fax: 0191 372 0035 Email: admin@sherburnhouse.org Website: www.sherburnhouse.org

Further information and details of other grants available can be found at www.turn2us.org.uk

Low Cost & Free Furniture Options

Name	Type	Info	Apply	Contact Details
Community Furniture Service	Social Enterprise Business	<p>Furniture Supply:</p> <p>Our aim is to provide good quality, low cost furniture, electrical goods, general household items and bric-a-brac to families and individuals on low income across the North East.</p> <p>We sell direct from our warehouses, so why not pay us a visit to view the wide selection available.</p> <p>We also provide: Removals, house clearances and furniture storage</p>	No referral required – just walk in	<p>East End depot: The Grand, Heaton Terrace Byker Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 1JR Tel: 0191 2656433 Email: newcastleeast@communitytransport.org</p> <p>West End Depot: Mill Lane Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6QA Tel: 01912 568 377 Email: newcastlewest@communitytransport.org</p>
Community Link / North East Furniture Link	Not for profit organisation	Community Link supports disadvantaged local people in need by supplying them with essential furniture items which have been cleaned and tested for safety at a low or no cost	Referral Required – email Ryan at: enquiries@community-link.org.uk	Community Link Alexandra House Alexandra Street Wallsend NorthTyneside NE28 7RN Tel: 0800 0155 007 Email: enquiries@community-link.org.uk
Fair For You	Not for profit organisation	<p>Fair for You is an alternative to high cost weekly payment stores.</p> <p>You buy now directly from the manufacturer by taking out a loan from us today, and then pay later in weekly, fortnightly and monthly instalments.</p> <p>Applications accepted from all households except those with a current debt management plan in place, or who are unable to repay their current creditors</p>	Online application	Website: https://www.fairforyou.co.uk/

Own Your Own	YHN	The Own Your Own scheme allows YHN tenants to buy a product for their home and pay for it weekly. The scheme will be run by Newcastle Furniture Service (NFS) which is part of Your Homes Newcastle (YHN)	Application form available in the Own Your Own booklet which you can pick up from your local Community Housing Office or call 0191 278 1888 to request a booklet. You can only buy one product at a time	Tel: 0845 846 0040
Renew North East	Charity	Refurbished / second hand white goods and small electrical appliances at low prices. Guarantees on parts and labour	No referral required	1-7 Baltic Road Felling Gateshead Tyne & Wear NE10 0SB Tel: 0191 469 7068 Fax: 0191 495 2183 Email: enquiries@renewnortheast.com
Revive Enterprise	Charity	Refurbished and second hand furniture. People visit the warehouse with proof of their referral (or proof of benefits) and then select and pay a minimal charge for the items they have chosen	Referral required. No delivery to Newcastle area but clients are welcome to use the service and bring their own transport	Unit 16D Cowley Road Blyth Industrial Estate Blyth Northumberland, NE24 5TF Tel: 01670 368665 Email: enquiry@reviveenterprise.co.uk

Low cost loans / Credit union assistance

Name	Type	Info	Apply	Contact Details
Moneywise	Credit Union	Low cost loans, responsible lending. Partnership with the Co-operative for purchasing electrical goods. APR on starter loans 26.8%	No referral required http://www.moneywise.org.uk/home	187 - 189 Shields Road Byker Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 1DP Tel: 0191 276 7963 Fax: 0191 276 7957 Email: admin@moneywise
Five Lamps	Charity & Company	Responsible lending, Anyone who lives in a financially excluded area in the North East of England can apply for a personal loan with Five Lamps. APR 29.9%	No referral required http://www.fivelamps.org.uk/finance/loan-calculator/	Tel: 0191 275 5045/6 Loans Helpline: 0300 111 0556

Charity Shops

Name	Type	Info	Apply	Contact Details
Oxfam Furniture Shop	Charity	Specialist furniture branch of Oxfam	Walk in	11b Saville Street West North Shields NE29 6QU 0191 257 0145
British Heart Foundation Furniture & Electrical	Charity	Specialist furniture and electrical branch	Walk in	51-57 Shields Road Byker Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 1DJ
St Oswalds Hospice	Charity	Specialist furniture and electrical branch	Walk in	175-181 Shields Road Byker Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 1DP

Websites

Name	Type	Info	Apply	Contact Details
Ebay	Commercial Website	Auction website, second hand furniture generally offered for collection only. Consumer rights on purchases depend on who is selling it	None – requires access to the internet	Website: www.ebay.co.uk
Freecycle	Website	Website where you can post “offer” and “wanted” adds for pretty much anything as long as it’s legal. Everything is free, buyer beware!	None – requires access to the internet	Website: http://groups.freecycle.org/toon/posts/all
Freegle	Website	Website where you can post “offer” and “wanted” adds for pretty much anything as long as it’s legal. Everything is free, buyer beware!	None – requires access to the internet	Website: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/toon/