

Grant Application Form

We want applications which show clearly what is wanted, why it is wanted and what difference it will make. This sounds simple but many applications do not tell us these things. We then use our time and yours trying to find them out. So before completing this form please read:

- The relevant FAQs section
- the example application forms

Then help us by answering all the questions on the form.

Name of Young Person applying for grant NB All names and personal details have been changed.

Yolande Smith

Name of agency or organisation which is responsible for the Young Person or is sponsoring his/her application

XXXX City Council

Contact person

Gillian James

Contact details

122 Sterling Road, XXXX

Email

Gillian.James@xxxx.gov.uk

Tel/Mob

Is the Young Person in care?

If Yes, please state the name of their foster carer and the organisation fostered through

No

If No, please state who was their care authority and when they left care

XXXX City Council. Left care on 18th birthday 29/03/2016

Amount of money needed. Grants are usually up to £600 but, in exceptional circumstances, applications for larger amounts will be considered

£600.00

If a Grant is approved, please state the name the cheque is to be made payable to (for those under the age of 18 we would expect this to be the foster carer)

Yolande Smith

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What do you want? Please give details of what you want to buy.

With this money I would like to buy a bed and other furniture items

How much will it cost? Please state exactly how much the items or activities will cost and the source of the cost eg Argos, Carpetright. Please attach hyperlinks or copies of quotes. If you do not have the exact costs please provide estimates and explain the source of the estimate.

Bed – £389.99 <http://www.ikea.com/gb/en/products/beds/guest-beds-day-beds/hemnes-day-bed-w-3-drawers-2-mattresses-white-malfors-medium-firm-spr-29129960/>

Wardrobe – £39 <http://www.ikea.com/gb/en/products/wardrobes/free-standing-wardrobes/bostrak-wardrobe-white-art-20334903/>

Chest of draws - £25 <http://www.ikea.com/gb/en/products/storage-furniture/chest-of-drawers/kullen-chest-of-3-drawers-white-art-60309237/>

Bedside cabinet - £19 <http://www.ikea.com/gb/en/products/tables/bedside-tables/kullen-chest-of-2-drawers-white-art-80309241/>

472.99

Microwave - £44.99 <http://www.argos.co.uk/product/5497065>

Kettle - £11.99 <http://www.argos.co.uk/product/9098422>

Toaster - £7.99 <http://www.argos.co.uk/product/9099311>

Other small items such as plates and cutlery

The questions below help us to understand whether contributions are being made by other people or why there is no other source of funding.

Who else will contribute?	No	Yes	How much will the contribution be? or Why there is no contribution
Foster Carer	x		Not applicable as not in foster care
Young Person		y	Once I have moved in I will buy small bits to make the property homely such as bedding and pictures with any spare benefit money I have
Pupil Premium	x		Not applicable as not in school
Local Authority	x		Please explain how much the Leaving Care grant was and how it has been used if items for setting up home are being requested Not applicable as although I was in care I was 3 days under the 13 weeks required to receive help.
Other, please list	x		

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Background Information Please give whatever additional information about the Young Person you think will help us to reach a decision. In particular, please explain what difference having the grant will make. If you need more space please continue on a separate sheet.

I was in care from January 2016 until my birthday in March 2016. At this point I was moved into a supported living which I was then thrown out of as they said that my needs were too high for them. At this point I was homeless so sofa surfed and spent time sleeping on the streets. During this time, I was raped twice (this was reported to the police) my mental health got a lot worse. I was sectioned twice and was arrested several times. I am now sleeping at a friend's however am moving into my own flat at the end of this month. The flat I am moving into is unfurnished. This grant is the only support I can access as I was not in care for long enough so I would use it to buy essential items.

I feel that this flat will make a huge difference to my life as it will give me a safe place to do things such as get a job and start to engage with therapy. Without these items, I would struggle to move into a flat.

Signed Carer/social worker/leaving care team (delete as appropriate)

I filled this in with the support of my support worker Gillian over the phone

Date

1st September 2016

Monitoring Data Please complete the table below for the young person. The data is used to help us understand who we give grants to and does **not** influence whether we give a grant.

Age	18	Gender	Female
Ethnicity	Mixed White/Black African	Nationality	British
Disability, if any	None		

How did you hear of The Spark Foundation? Please tick all which apply

Search Engine	
Previously used	
Recommendation from friend/social worker	yes
Other, please specify	

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