

Care Foundation



In 2014, Care marked its 10-year anniversary and the milestone of having the capacity to house 100 tenants by launching the Care Foundation Grant (CFG). In 2020 we have trebled that capacity and the CFG is still going strong!

The CFG provides a platform for Care's tenants to meet some of their own aspirations or enhance their life in some way. Tenants can each apply for **£50-£500** funding. Their application must meet at least one of the following four criteria:

- 1. Dreams and aspirations:** does the use of the funds help an individual/group meet an aspiration or fulfil a dream? For example, an adrenaline experience or trip to a concert or sporting event. This must be something that the applicant has not experienced before.
- 2. Enhance lifestyle:** does the use of the funds help an individual/group enhance their lifestyle? For example, it may be the purchase of a particular item for an individual/property such as a swing to meet a sensory need or garden furniture to create new social opportunities outside.
- 3. Provide a sense of achievement/inclusion:** will it help an individual/group achieve a particular goal or support a hobby? For example, it may be providing funding towards specific training or equipment for crafts.
- 4. Sustainability:** will it assist the individual or group to stay in their home? For example, it may be for a piece of specialist equipment that is not applicable for funding from elsewhere.

Tenants will be limited to one application every 12 months.

Applications can be made for individuals or as part of a household, provided any individuals are current tenants of Care and have been for a **minimum of 12 months**, and that they have no outstanding recharges or recent ASB.

Applications may be for all or part of the total cost, but we'll need to assure that the request represents **good value for money** and know how any additional costs would be funded.

All applications will be reviewed by our team within a month of submission, though we may need to ask for more information before we can make a decision.

How do I apply?

Tenants can apply by writing to or emailing the Care Foundation, outlining the following:

- What the fund will be used for.
- Which of the 4 key criteria will be achieved and how.
- How much the tenant/group is applying for, including quotes for work or exact costs of items.
- Why the tenant/group require the funding.

What we will not fund...

- Applications that fail to meet any of the 4 key criteria.
- Applicants that have received funding from the CFG in the last 12 months.
- Individuals who have been a Care tenant for less than 12 months or who are planning to move out within 6 months.
- Individuals who have unpaid arrears or recharges, or who have breached their tenancy in the past 12 months.
- Non-specific items e.g. for 'spending money'
- Applications which benefit the support provider rather than the tenant(s).

- Projects, activities and items where the Local Authority or other agency has a legal obligation to provide them.
- Activities that start or costs committed before we confirm our funding.
- Repayment of loans or debts.
- Any costs that you incur when putting together your application.
- Day to day running/living costs e.g. food, utility bills, council tax, rent and insurance.

All awards will be made at Care's discretion and the Care Foundation reserves the right to refuse any applications.

If your application is unsuccessful, we will let you know why this has been the case.

We look forward to reviewing your applications!

Applications can be emailed to:
enquiries@careha.org.uk

Or posted to:
Suite 34 Hardman's Business Centre,
New Hall Hey Road,
Rawtenstall,
BB4 6HH

Call us on 0345 437 7367 if you have any queries.