



£5m Children and Young People Fund

Buttle UK has established **The COVID-19 Direct Emergency Response for Children and Young People Fund** with the support of National Lottery funding. We are working with The National Lottery Community Fund to deliver £2 million in National Lottery grants to support vulnerable children and young people adversely impacted by the recent COVID-19 crisis. This National Lottery funding is part of The National Lottery Community Fund's wider COVID-19 emergency response for communities.

Other funders, which include Comic Relief, Masonic Charitable Foundation and Garfield Weston Foundation have also made contributions to the fund – meaning that a total of £5m is available, before the end of March 2021, to provide an emergency response directly to children living in poverty and crisis who are at risk of being left behind by the pandemic.

Buttle UK is **encouraging frontline support workers to make applications** for support if they are working with **children or young people in crisis** who meet the Fund's criteria.

Already registered and ready to make an application? Sign in [HERE](#).

Our **Chances for Children** grants of up to £2,000 are for those who have experienced a recent crisis or significant change in their life. We can fund items and activities to improve:

- social and emotional wellbeing; and
- capacity to engage in education and learning

Who can make an application?

- We only accept applications from frontline professionals working closely with the children/young person, who have carried out at least one home visit, and made a full assessment of the children's/young person's needs
- The professional will also need to supervise grant spend, upload receipts and complete an evaluation survey

Who can we help?

Children/young people must meet **ALL** of the following:

- Be a child or young person aged 18 and under if living with parent/carers, **OR** 20 and under if living independently with little or no support
- Have been socially, emotionally or educationally impacted or otherwise negatively affected by their circumstances, such as domestic abuse, estrangement, abuse, neglect or another issue
- The family/young person must have recently taken positive action to improve their situation, e.g. fled from the perpetrator of abuse; the children have recently moved to live with other family members; parent/carers has engaged with support services to address a specific issue such as drug/alcohol misuse; young person has re-engaged in education etc.
- Be living on a low income and experiencing financial hardship

What do we fund?

We fund holistic packages of support of up to £2,000 that can include, but not limited to:

- Items and activities to support learning and development such as laptops, books, wi-fi, educational toys, tuition etc.
- Social and leisure activities
- Family activities
- Items for children/young people's bedrooms
- Other household items that are not available from other sources such as [Family Fund](#) or Local Authority scheme, etc.
- For children who are unable to stay in their family home, we also fund boarding school fees. Please see [HERE](#) for more information on Support For Boarding.

All applications are reviewed on their own merit and it is important that applications demonstrate clearly the family situation in line with the criteria.



Support is complementary to statutory funding and not a substitute for it. We always expect that statutory funding has been exhausted first.

Please remember that **we no longer run the Emergency Essentials Fund**. If you are looking for help with a single household item only please contact Family Fund:

www.familyfundsolutions.co.uk/emergency-essentials/

For more information on applying for a Chances for Children grants, or to start an application visit www.buttuk.org