

Recent grants have included

- ◆ Furniture & white goods
- ◆ Transport to hospital for visiting
- ◆ Moving costs (into more suitable accommodation)
- ◆ School uniform
- ◆ Car repairs (needed for work)
- ◆ Rubbish removal
- ◆ Decorating or repairs
- ◆ Nursery fees in exceptional circumstances
- ◆ Energy debt

Where does our money come from

DPA is supported by local organisations and individuals, including the town and rural Churches in the DT1 and DT2 area. All our income comes from donations, fund-raising events and local charitable trusts.

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Guidance for families about accessing a grant

“A local charity helping local people”

What is DPA

DPA is a local charity (previously known as DPAG) and was set up in 1994 by Churches Together in Dorchester at a time when most people had no idea that there was real poverty in this apparently prosperous area. For those suffering such hidden financial hardship, isolation creates an added burden.

Who can apply for a grant

Grant applications must be made by a professional, who knows the client's circumstances and knows that the need for a grant is genuine. **An individual can not self refer.**

These include:-

- ◆ Health visitor
- ◆ Social worker
- ◆ Family workers
- ◆ Tenancy support worker
- ◆ Local churches
- ◆ Local charities eg Age UK, Citizens Advice
- ◆ Homeless charities
- ◆ Food bank
- ◆ Schools

Who is eligible

- ◆ Individuals and families must live in the DT1 and DT2 postal areas (Dorchester and its surrounding villages).
- ◆ The maximum grant is £250 and no more than two grants will be made to an individual /family in any one financial year.
- ◆ The circumstances in which such a small amount of money makes a difference are very varied and there are no strict criteria except that paying off a debt (unless a very small one) or purchasing floor coverings are not normally covered.
- ◆ We work closely with Dorset Reclaim and other local businesses and charities following a referral.

How to apply

- ◆ Please contact one of the agencies opposite, who can obtain all the necessary information on our website to apply on your behalf.
- ◆ Your referrer will need your name, address, postcode and reason for applying for a grant. Please refer to our privacy policy on our website.
- ◆ We may need to ask for your bank details to transfer a grant. This information is handled securely according to our privacy policy.
- ◆ Three trustees deal with grant applications and we aim to provide funds as quickly as possible.