



The Salvation Army

Victim Care Fund – Eligibility Criteria

Funding from the Salvation Army Victim Care Fund is a payment made to victims of modern slavery for the purpose of rebuilding their lives and enabling them to live independently. Payments are considered and awarded using a person centred application process.

This means that the fund can be awarded to help for example:

- purchase/pay for personal items ie: clothing, maternity items etc..
- access training or education and employment
- set up home, purchasing items such as furniture and household goods
- pay rent deposits for accommodation
- fund groups and projects for the benefit of several people in the service

To be eligible a person:

- will be within or have had a connection with The Salvation Army, Adult Victims of Modern Slavery Care and Coordination Services
- will have received a “positive” reasonable grounds decision and granted a 45 day reflection period
- after exiting the service with a “positive” conclusive grounds decision will be eligible to apply to the Victim Care Fund for up to a further 12 months
- would **not** be entitled to equivalent funding under Article 12 of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (2005) (these are paid as part of the Sub Contractor Contract with The Salvation Army)
- will complete or will have had help to complete and will have signed a Victim Care Fund application form with as much detail as possible to indicate the priority need and the difference it will make
- will be working with their Support Worker to rebuild their lives and preparing to exit the service and would be able to indicate this on the application form
- would have explored other options for funding and would be able to indicate this on the application form
- would not be receiving any other income, benefits, funding or vouchers which could provide what they need
- if applying for a rent deposit would either be in receipt of an income to pay the rent for the property or would have been approved for housing benefit (contractor will agree to oversee this)
- would not have access to a rent deposit scheme through a Local Authority
- if applying for a rent deposit would agree to repay the deposit if or when it is returned
- The VCF is able to consider with discretion, applications for the payment of legal fees, legal documents including ID documents and any other Home Office associated documents.

A Sub contractor or another service provider (NGO or otherwise) where the person is currently placed, will agree to oversee the application, the spending of funds, provide official receipts for the agreed purchase/payment and feedback to The Salvation Army Victim Care Fund Grant Coordinator to ensure the funds are spent as intended.

Please note:

All decisions to fund an application and the amount approved are discretionary and will depend on individual circumstances and length of time in the service.