

## Welfare Grants

(Grants are free and do not have to be paid back)

Type of Grant	Purpose	Eligibility	How to Apply
<p><b>Community Care Grant (CCG)</b></p>	<p>You must meet one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Returning to the community following a stay in institutional or residential accommodation</b></li> <li>• <b>The grant will help you to stay in the community rather than enter institutional or residential accommodation in which you will receive care</b></li> <li>• <b>To ease exceptional pressures on yourself and your family</b></li> <li>• <b>To help you to set up home if you are on a resettlement programme</b></li> </ul>	<p>You must be in receipt of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Income Support</b></li> <li>• <b>Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance</b></li> <li>• <b>Pension Credit</b></li> </ul> <p><b>But savings of £500 or more (£1000 for those aged 60 or over) may affect how much is awarded to you</b></p>	<p><b>At your local Jobcentre Plus</b></p> <p><b>If you are unhappy with a CCG decision or award, you have the right for a review. Research shows that 50% of cases are successful on appeal.</b></p>
<p><b>Sure Start Maternity Grant</b></p>	<p>You or your partner must meet one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pregnant and expecting a baby within 11 weeks or have given birth within the last three months</b></li> <li>• <b>Have adopted a child, or in certain circumstances have been granted a residence order for a child, within the last three months and the child is less than one year old</b></li> <li>• <b>You and your husband or wife have been granted a parental order for a surrogate birth within the last three months</b></li> <li>• <b>Are getting benefit for a dependant under the age of 20 who is pregnant and expecting a baby within 11 weeks or has given birth within the last three months</b></li> </ul>	<p>You must be in receipt of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Income Support</b></li> <li>• <b>Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance</b></li> <li>• <b>Income-related Employment and Support Allowance</b></li> <li>• <b>Pension Credit</b></li> <li>• <b>Child Tax Credit at a rate higher than the family element</b></li> <li>• <b>Working Tax Credit where a disability or severe disability element is included in the award</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>At your local Jobcentre Plus</b></p> <p><b>You will need to get the form signed by a health professional</b></p>

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<p><b>Health in Pregnancy Grant</b></p>	<p>A one-off, tax-free payment from H M Revenue &amp; Customs (HMRC) if you're a mum-to-be who's at least 25 weeks pregnant to help you prepare for the birth of your baby.</p>	<p>You can get the grant if all of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you are 25 weeks pregnant or more</li> <li>• your expected date of delivery is on or after 6 April 2009</li> <li>• you have been given health advice from a midwife or doctor</li> </ul> <p>You may not get the grant if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you are subject to immigration control or</li> <li>• you are not present, ordinarily resident or have a right to reside in the UK</li> </ul>	<p>Get a claim form from your midwife or doctor. Your midwife or doctor must fill in their part of the form and sign it before giving it to you.</p> <p>You will need to get your claim form to HMRC within 31 days of your midwife or doctor signing the form - otherwise you may miss out on the grant.</p>
<p><b>Job Grant</b></p>	<p>You must meet one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking up full-time work (at least 16 hours a week) and expecting the work to last for at least five weeks</li> </ul>	<p>You must be in receipt of one of the following for at least 26 weeks before starting your new job:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jobseeker's Allowance</li> <li>• Income Support</li> <li>• Employment and Support Allowance</li> <li>• Incapacity Benefit</li> <li>• Severe Disablement Allowance</li> <li>• Jobcentre Plus/New Deal Allowance payments (where the allowance is based on Jobseeker's Allowance) Income Support, Incapacity Benefit, or Severe Disablement Allowance</li> <li>• Employment Zone payments (where the allowance is based on Jobseeker's Allowance)</li> </ul>	<p><b>At your local Jobcentre Plus</b></p>

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<p><b>Disabilities Facilities Grant</b></p>	<p>A local council grant to help you towards the cost of adapting your home to continue to allow you to live there.</p>	<p>You must meet all of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You get at least £320 worth of support a week or at least £16,640 a year from social services. This support could be, for example, going to a day centre or money you get from a direct-payment scheme.</li> <li>• You are getting the higher-rate care component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA).</li> <li>• You are between 16 and 64 years of age. Funding can continue after your 65th birthday as long as you still meet the other conditions on this page.</li> <li>• You are living in the UK and expect to be living in your home for at least six months after you have applied.</li> </ul>	<p>Contact the housing or environmental health department of your local council and ask them to send an application form.</p> <p>You should do this before you start any of the work. You will not normally get any grant if you start work before the council approve the application. If the work is urgent, you should get in touch with the council and let them know the circumstances. You should ensure that you separately secure any approval for building regulations or planning purpose that is required.</p>
<p><b>Independent Living Fund</b></p>	<p>The Independent Living Fund is designed to help you, if you are severely disabled, to live independently at home rather than in residential care. You can use payments from the fund to employ people to give you personal and domestic care in your home.</p>	<p>You can apply to the Independent Living Fund if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are over 16 and under 65 when your application is received</li> <li>• already get social services support to the value of at least £320 a week - this can include direct payments and/ or services from your local authority, such as day-centre placement</li> <li>• receive or are entitled to the care component of the Disability Living Allowance at the highest rate</li> <li>• live alone or with people who cannot fully meet your care needs</li> <li>• are at risk of entering residential care, or are currently in residential care and wish to leave and live independently</li> <li>• are able to live independently for at least the next six months and within a specified funding limit from the Local Authority and Independent Living Fund combined (currently £785 per week)</li> <li>• are in receipt of Income Support, or the Guarantee Part of State Pension Credit and have less than £22,250 in savings, or meet a similar means test</li> <li>• satisfy conditions as to residence and presence in the UK</li> </ul>	<p>You and your social services department must fill in three forms</p>