



## FUNDING CRITERIA

The Squeeze provides financial support in the form of micro-grants, that do not need to be repaid, for those who are experiencing short-term hardship and are unable to meet basic, unexpected, or emergency costs.

The funding is intended to act as a safety net for those in financial hardship and should not be regarded as a long-term source of income.

### Conditions and eligibility:

All applications must be received from a registered charity group who are dealing directly with families or individuals facing hardship.

The application will be treated in strictest confidence and will be retained by us in line with our data protection policy which you can access via our website. The application should contain as much information as possible. The awards will rely on the applicant's assessment of the need so you must ensure that the details given are accurate and treated sensitively.

The **eligibility** of those requesting funding via your charity from The Squeeze is as follows:

1. Due to the limited funding available, applications for funding will be considered for individuals/families on a one-off basis.

**Applications from the same individual/family will not be considered if submitted within a six-month timeframe of previous funding being received.**

### Eligibility:

To be eligible for applying for funding, your families/individuals must meet the following criteria.

- We prioritise those living in poverty.
- We prioritise applications that will make a positive difference to those in need
- Additional weight is given to those with caring responsibilities and young families

### What we fund:

- Contribution to basic living expenses including food, heating, lighting, clothing.

Note: we do not envisage replacing the services provided by local Foodbanks, however we do recognise that funding towards some food is necessary for those who cannot access foodbanks.



**What we do not fund:**

- Repayments of credit card debts
- Non-essential items such as TV or TV license
- Pet Care
- Flooring and carpets
- Unspecified costs

In certain circumstances trustees have the right to consider funding essential items not mentioned above.

If you have any questions on our eligibility criteria and whether your application would be applicable, please email [hello@thesqueeze.org.uk](mailto:hello@thesqueeze.org.uk)

**Applications:**

Applications to The Squeeze will initially be assessed against our criteria by the Community Relationships & Impact Lead and will then be presented to the Charity Trustees at a meeting for consideration.

Provided all of the information we require is contained in the application, we will write to you with the outcome of the Trustee's decision within 48 hours.

**Appealing a decision:**

If an application is unsuccessful the registered charity will be sent a short explanation. Due to the size of the charity, The Squeeze do not consider appeals against a funding decision.

**How to apply:**

The registered charity should complete the form and submit it to [hello@thesqueeze.org.uk](mailto:hello@thesqueeze.org.uk).

