

A SHARED PROGRAMME OF GIVING

The Trusts and Funds administered by Charis operate within a 'Shared Programme of Giving', all with a common application form and assessment process. By signing the declaration on an application form, the applicant gives their consent to be considered for funding from any of the Trusts and Funds administered by Charis which they are eligible for, allowing an applicant's debts to be treated holistically and potentially allowing several debts to be cleared simultaneously. All relevant information and supporting evidence needs to be provided to allow for assessment under each Trust and Fund as detailed in the application form.

1. Charitable Trusts

The aims of the following **Trusts**, which are **registered charities**, are to *relieve poverty, suffering and distress, particularly among those who are unable to pay charges for their use of domestic energy services provided to premises used or occupied by them.*

The Trusts provide grants to clear domestic gas and electricity debts. In exceptional circumstances the Trusts give grants to clear other priority debts or purchase essential household items, known as Further Assistance Payments (FAPs). The range of assistance available can vary from time to time.

Applications take approximately eight weeks to assess depending on the completeness of the application and whether additional supporting information is required. Details of outstanding account balances are sought directly from the energy supplier.

BRITISH/SCOTTISH GAS ENERGY TRUST

The British Gas
energy trust

The Scottish Gas
energy trust

The Trust can help with the following:

- Domestic gas and electricity debts owed to British Gas or other suppliers
- Boiler repairs and replacements
- Energy efficient white goods
- Bankruptcy deposits and Debt Relief Order fees
- Funeral expenses

Who can apply to the Trust?

- Anyone living within England, Scotland and Wales, in need, hardship or other distress i.e. the Trust is NOT restricted to customers of British Gas.
- If the Trust is able to help with a payment to your British Gas account a payment will be made directly to that account. If they are able to help you with a Further Assistance Payment (FAP) a cheque will be made payable to the supplier and can only be used for that purpose.

EDF ENERGY TRUST

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The Trust can help with the following:

- Domestic gas and electricity debts owed to EDF Energy or other suppliers
- Energy efficient white goods
- Bankruptcy deposits and Debt Relief Order fees

Who can apply to the Trust?

- Current domestic account holders of EDF Energy only, in need, hardship or other distress
- If the Trust awards a grant to clear debt owed to EDF Energy a payment will be made directly to that account otherwise awards are in the form of cheques made payable to the supplier which can only be used for the purpose of the grant.

HOW TO APPLY

The quickest and easiest way is via the Trusts' online application forms available from the websites:

- www.edfenergytrust.org.uk
- www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk

Alternatively applications can be downloaded and printed from these websites.

You can also request a form by:

- Calling 01733 421060
- Emailing applications@charisgrants.com
- Writing to:

FREEPOST EDF Energy Trust

FREEPOST British Gas Energy Trust

2. Assistance Funds

In addition, the following **Funds** (which are not registered charities), provide grants to customers of their donor companies to clear utility (gas, electricity and water) debt. The Funds all operate a Provisional Award Scheme i.e. the applicant must demonstrate over an agreed number of months that they can keep up to date with payments for current usage prior to completion of their award. Their debt at the time of applying would then be cleared via a payment made directly to their account.

Applications take approximately eight weeks to assess depending on the completeness of the application and whether additional supporting information is required. Details of outstanding account balances are sought directly from the utility supplier.

NPOWER ENERGY FUND



The Fund can help people by giving grants to:

- Clear domestic energy debts owed to nPower via a three month provisional award scheme. If an applicant demonstrates in the three months post provisional award that they can keep up to date with current payments, their debt to nPower at the time of applying will be cleared via a direct payment to their nPower account.

Who can apply to the Fund?

- Current domestic account holders of nPower only.

ANGLIAN WATER ASSISTANCE FUND



The Fund can help by giving grants to:

- Clear water and sewerage debts owed to Anglian Water via a provisional award scheme over 6 months (for debt older than 6 months and less than 18 months) or 12 months (for debt older than 18 months) depending on level of debt. If an applicant demonstrates in the provisional award period that they can keep up to date with current payments, their debt to Anglian Water at the time of applying will be cleared via a payment to their Anglian Water account.

Who can apply to the Fund?

- Current domestic account holders of Anglian Water and Hartlepool Water only.

E.ON ENERGY FUND



The Scheme can help people by giving grants to:

- Domestic gas and electricity debts owed to E.ON or other suppliers
- Boiler repairs and replacements
- Energy efficient white goods

Who can apply to the Fund?

To be eligible, applicants – and in some circumstances someone in their household – must be in receipt of one of the following:

- Pension Credit;
- A means tested Council Tax reduction;
- Child Tax Credits (or the Universal Credit Equivalent) with a total household income of £16,190 or less;
- Working Tax Credits with a household income of £16,190 or less;
- Universal Credit, so long as they're not in work or self-employed;
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance.
- Alternatively applicants may be eligible if they or someone in their household is confirmed as being terminally ill by a doctor or consultant. If the Trust is able to help with a payment to your British Gas account a payment will be made directly to that account. If they are able to help you with a Further Assistance Payment (FAP) a cheque will be made payable to the supplier and can only be used for that purpose.
- If the Fund is able to help with a payment to your E.ON account a payment will be made directly to that account. If they are able to help you with a Further Assistance Payment (FAP) a cheque will be made payable to the supplier and can only be used for that purpose.

HOW TO APPLY

The quickest and easiest way is via the Funds' online application forms available from the websites:

- www.npowerenergyfund.com
- www.anglianwater.co.uk/household/your-account/problems-paying/assistance.aspx
- www.eonenergyfund.com

Alternatively applications can be downloaded and printed from these websites.

You can also request a form by:

- Calling 01733 421060
- Emailing applications@charisgrants.com
- Writing to:

FREEPOST Npower Energy Fund

Anglian Water Assistance Fund
PO BOX 42, Peterborough, PE3 8XH

FREEPOST E.ON Energy Fund